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1 [NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2003 ON PAGE 216.

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4 THERE IS NO REPORTABLE ACTION AS A RESULT OF TODAY'S CLOSED
5 SESSION.]

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7 [GAVEL].

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE TAKE THEIR SEATS?

10 ACTUALLY, I WANT YOU TO GET NEAR YOUR SEAT, AND THEN WE'LL ASK

11 YOU TO STAND, BECAUSE THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED

12 BY FATHER JOHN PROVENZA, OF THE SAINT HELEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

13 IN SOUTHGATE FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE WILL BE LED

14 BY LARRY WIBBLE, THE COMMANDER OF THE HIGHLAND PARK POST

15 NUMBER 206, THE AMERICAN LEGION FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT.

16 FATHER? WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE STAND?

17

18 **FATHER JOHN PROVENZA:** ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, SOURCE OF ALL

19 BLESSING AND GOODNESS, BY YOUR NATURE YOU HAVE CALLED US TO

20 SEEK WHAT IS GOOD AND TO AVOID THAT WHICH IS EVIL. AND DONE BY

21 REASON, WE ARE CREATED IN YOUR LIKENESS AND THUS HAVE THE

22 CAPACITY TO SEEK YOUR DIVINE WILL. DURING THESE TIMES OF

23 UNREST, HELP US AS A NATION TO ACHIEVE TRUE PEACE IN THE

24 WORLD. HELP US TO REMAIN STEADFAST AS YOUR INSTRUMENTS OF

25 LIBERTY AND JUSTICE TO THOSE WHO NEED OUR HELP. GIVE COURAGE



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1 TO OUR SOLDIERS WHO DEFEND US UPON DISTANT SHORES AND GIVE A
2 COMFORTING HAND TO THOSE WHO WAIT FOR THEIR RETURN. SEND FORTH
3 YOUR WISDOM UPON THOSE WHO ARE TRUSTED WITH OUR GOVERNANCE.
4 MAY THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALWAYS REMEMBER TO LISTEN TO THE
5 NEEDS OF THE VOICELESS, THE CHILDREN, POOR, SICK, AND
6 IMPRISONED, AND MAY THEY PUT ASIDE PERSONAL AMBITIONS AND
7 ALWAYS SEEK THE TRUE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES.
8 TRUSTING IN YOUR DIVINE PROVIDENCE, WE ASK YOU THIS AS THE
9 TRUE GOD WHO LIVES AND REIGNS FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

10

11 **LARRY WIBBLE:** PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART, FACE THE
12 FLAG. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO THE PLEDGE VETERAN?
15 WOULD YOU STEP OVER HERE AND THEN I'LL DO THE -- I'M GOING TO
16 HAVE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ALSO DO THE --

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LARRY WEST IS A MEMBER OF THE HIGHLAND PARK
19 POST NUMBER 206, HE'S COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, HE
20 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR, HE'S
21 A RETIRED MACHINIST, HE'S MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN AND HE
22 WAS BORN IN INDIANA. SO LARRY, THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND
23 LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE. [APPLAUSE]

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE'LL HOLD THE PRESENTATION --



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY THAT FATHER IS A FORMER
3 STUDENT OF MY AUNT, SISTER SAINT GEORGE, WHEN HE WAS IN THE
4 SEMINARY AT SAN FERNANDO.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW CALL THE AGENDA.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
9 BOARD, WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 6. OKAY, WE'RE JUST GOING TO HOLD
10 FOR ONE SECOND.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS CAUGHT IN AN ACCIDENT
13 ON THE FREEWAY. SHE'LL BE HERE SHORTLY. SO GO AHEAD.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
16 OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND 2-D.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
19 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
22 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
3 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH
9 17, AND I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 1,
10 SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF WILBER C.
11 JORDAN TO THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V. SERVICES BE REFERRED BACK
12 TO HER OFFICE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, -- I'M SORRY.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY, ON ITEM NUMBER 4, SUPERVISOR
17 KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE.
18 ON ITEM NUMBER 8, HOLD FOR HAROLD COLLINS. ON ITEM NUMBER 9,
19 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE. ALSO ON
20 NUMBER 10, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK
21 CONTINUANCE. ON ITEM NUMBER 11, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR
22 YAROSLAVSKY.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 10 IS CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK,
2 AND ITEM NUMBER 11 IS CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. ALSO, IT'S SO
3 ORDERED THAT ITEMS 1 AND --.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** I THOUGHT YOU SAID ITEM 9 AND 10 WERE CONTINUED
6 ONE WEEK, 11 WAS A HOLD BY SUPERVISOR --

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. IT'S 9 IS CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK
9 AND 10 IS CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK, 11 IS HELD. AND THEN
10 REFERRED BACK IS ITEM 4, AND ON ITEM 1, WILBUR JORDAN IS
11 REFERRED BACK TO MY OFFICE. ON THE REMAINDER, IT'S MOVED BY
12 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
13 ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 18 AND 19.
16 ON ITEM NUMBER 19, I'M GOING TO HOLD THAT, BUT SUPERVISOR
17 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THE AMENDMENT TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD
18 OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO INCLUDE IN THE
19 COUNTY STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AN ITEM SUPPORTING THE
20 EXPANSION OF AND STATE FUNDING FOR VIDEO CONFERENCING FOR
21 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. WITH THAT AMENDMENT, AND ON
22 ITEM NUMBER 19, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR KNABE, AND
23 SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUEST THAT THE ITEM BE HELD. SO ITEM 18 IS
24 BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AUDIT COMMITTEE, ON ITEM NUMBER 20, HOLD
5 FOR GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEM 21.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.

8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL PROCEDURES, ITEM
11 22.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY,
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM
17 23.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
20 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CONSUMER AFFAIRS, ITEM 24.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE,
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 25 THROUGH 27.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH,
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HUMAN RESOURCES, ITEM 28.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
10 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEMS 29 AND 30.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC LIBRARY, ITEMS 31 AND 32. ON ITEM
18 NUMBER 32, WE'RE GOING TO HOLD THAT FOR HEARING. IT SHOULD BE
19 TAKEN UP WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM 58. SO ITEM 31 IS
20 BEFORE YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY BURKE. WITHOUT
23 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ON ITEM 33, THE
2 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS A 30-DAY CONTINUANCE TO
3 MARCH 11, 2003.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 33 IS CONTINUED TO MARCH 11TH.
6 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 34 THROUGH 43. ON
9 ITEM NUMBER 34, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS A
10 ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 34 IS CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. ON THE
13 REMAINDER, ARE THERE ANY OTHER CONTINUANCES?

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NO THAT'S ALL.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,
18 SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON PAGE 23, THE SHERIFF, ITEMS 44 THROUGH
21 46.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 47.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.

4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, 48 AND 49.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY

9 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, I'M GOING TO

12 HOLD THIS FOR GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL BUT I'LL READ IT INTO THE

13 RECORD. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE THREE, ADVISORY

14 COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE

15 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUNSET REVIEW DATE OF

16 SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2008, FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS

17 COMMISSION.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S HELD.

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WE'LL HOLD THAT FOR GENEVIEVE. ORDINANCE

22 FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 51.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE,

25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, 52 THROUGH 57. AND I'LL
3 READ THESE INTO THE RECORD. ON 52 THROUGH 56, WE HAVE THE
4 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADOPT
5 RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL
6 OBLIGATION BONDS AS FOLLOWS. 52, LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
7 DISTRICT 1997 ELECTION SERIES F, 2003, AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL
8 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$507,345,000. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY SECONDED BY BURKE.
11 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2002,
14 ELECTION SERIES A, 2003, AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO
15 EXCEED \$2,450,000,000. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2002,
21 ELECTION SERIES A, AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
22 \$40 MILLION.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, GENERAL
3 OBLIGATION BONDS, 2002, ELECTION SERIES A, AN AGGREGATE
4 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20 MILLION.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** EL CAMINO COLLEGE DISTRICT, 2002 ELECTION
10 SERIES 2003-A, AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75
11 MILLION.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 57, HOLD FOR REPORT. ON ITEM 58,
17 PUBLIC HEARING, WE'LL HOLD THAT FOR HEARING. MISCELLANEOUS,
18 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE
19 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72
20 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN
21 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. 59-A.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 59-B.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
4 YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 59-C.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 59-D, HOLD FOR STAN JONES AND
12 OTHERS. ON PAGE 28, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS BOARD
13 MEETINGS, AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IS REQUESTING
14 A-3 BE HELD. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL
16 DISTRICT NUMBER 2.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I WILL GO DOWN TO THE FRONT
19 BECAUSE WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE SOMEONE WHO IS A HUNDRED
20 YEARS OLD. LEONA FISHER PARKER. IN THESE OPENING YEARS OF THE
21 21ST CENTURY, AN INCREASING NUMBER OF AMERICANS ARE LIVING
22 LONG ENOUGH TO BECOME ACTIVE SENIOR CITIZENS. HOWEVER,
23 ATTAINING THE AGE OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS IS A VERY SPECIAL
24 MILESTONE, AND WE WANT TO ALL JOIN IN CELEBRATING THAT. MS.
25 LEONA F. PARKER IS JUST SUCH A SPECIAL PERSON. LAST JANUARY



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1 26TH SHE REACHED HER 100TH BIRTHDAY. THE TABERNACLE OF FAITH
2 BAPTIST CHURCH, THROUGH WHAT WAS BY ALL ACCOUNTS A GIGANTIC
3 CELEBRATION WHERE SHE WAS HONORED BY FRIENDS AND FAMILY,
4 INCLUDING HER GRANDSON OLLIE LINSON WHO IS A BATTALION CHIEF
5 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PAST PRESIDENT
6 OF THE CENTORIANS LOS ANGELES COUNTY BLACK FIRE FIGHTERS
7 ASSOCIATION. IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS
8 ANGELES WELCOMES AND CONGRATULATES AND WISHES BEST WISHES TO
9 LEONA FISHER PARKER. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MISS PARKER! [MIXED
12 VOICES]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD?

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16 **LEONA FISHER PARKER:** ALL I CAN SAY IS THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAPPY BIRTHDAY. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **LEONA FISHER PARKER:** THEY KNOW ME AND I DON'T KNOW THEM. AND I
21 THANK THEM FOR ALL THEY DID AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL AND ALL I
22 CAN SAY TO YOU, PRAY. PRAY. READ YOUR BIBLE, HONEY, AND PRAY.
23 AND KEEP GOD IN FRONT. LET HIM BE FIRST OF ALL, BECAUSE HE'S
24 YOUR LEADER, HE'S YOUR GUIDE, AND HE'S YOUR PROTECTOR.
25 ANYTHING YOU WANT, YOU ASK GOD FOR IT. IF YOU LIVE FOR HIM, HE



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1 SAID, "IF MY WORD ABIDES IN YOU AND YOU ABIDE IN ME, YOU CAN
2 ASK FOR WHAT YOU WILL AND IT WILL BE DONE." SO ALL YOU GOT TO
3 DO IS A LITTLE FOR THE LORD AND HE'LL BLESS YOU.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE'S BLESSED YOU, THAT'S FOR SURE. [
6 APPLAUSE]

7

8 **OLLIE:** YES MY NAME IS OLLIE BEODUS, HER GRANDSON, AND I'D JUST
9 LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
10 TO, YOU KNOW, CELEBRATE A CENTURY OF LIVING FOR MY
11 GRANDMOTHER. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES I'D LIKE TO MAKE A PRESENTATION OF A
14 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO FATHER PROVENZA. SORRY I WASN'T
15 HERE FOR YOUR INVOCATION, BUT WE THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR
16 LEADING US IN OUR INVOCATION. FATHER PROVENZA HAS SERVED AS
17 PASTOR OF SAINT HELEN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SOUTHGATE. HE
18 WAS BORN AND RAISED IN THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND FOR 13
19 YEARS HE HAS SERVED THE ARCH DIOCESE IN A VARIETY OF
20 ASSIGNMENTS THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY, INCLUDING SAINT GREGORY THE
21 GREAT, ENWIDDIER, SAINT BERNARD HIGH SCHOOL IN PLAYA DEL RAY,
22 SAINT PAUL HIGH SCHOOL IN SANTA FE SPRINGS, IN ADDITION TO
23 ASSIGNMENTS IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES, PICO VER LAMRADA. HE
24 HAS SERVED IN ALL OF OUR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, IT SEEMS
25 HE'S BEEN AN ACTIVE MAN. IN ADDITION TO HIS DUTIES AT THE



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1 PARISH, FATHER PROVENZA'S ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH AN
2 ORGANIZATION CALLED SOUTHGATE CHURCHES IN ACTION. AGAIN, THANK
3 YOU SO MUCH FOR LEADING US IN OUR INVOCATION AND WE WANT TO
4 PRESENT TO YOU A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION. THANK YOU. [
5 APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE WOULD LIKE TO CALL REPRESENTATIVES OF
8 THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION, HART HIGH SCHOOL AND
9 MIDDLE POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL FORWARD. IN 1980, THE
10 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION, A COMMUNITY-BASED
11 ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES TRAINING AND EDUCATION ON CIVIC
12 ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION INTRODUCED THE MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM
13 TO ALL COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA. THIS PROGRAM, WHICH ALREADY HAD
14 A STRONG FOLLOWING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, HAS CREATED -- WAS
15 CREATED TO HELP STUDENTS ACQUIRE A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF OUR
16 JUDICIAL SYSTEM. EVERY YEAR, THE FOUNDATION INTRODUCES A
17 HYPOTHETICAL CRIMINAL CASE WITH LEGAL DOCUMENTATION, LESSON
18 PLANS ON ESSENTIAL ISSUES IN THE CASE, AND COMPETITION RULES
19 AND GUIDELINES. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A TEACHER SPONSOR AND
20 ATTORNEY COACH, THE PROGRAM ACTIVELY ENGAGES MORE THAN 8,000
21 STUDENT PARTICIPANTS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. STUDENTS ACTIVELY
22 EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT OF WORKING IN TEAMS, EXCHANGING
23 IDEAS, SETTING GOALS, AND EXAMINING ISSUES. THEY STUDY THE
24 CASE, PREPARE STRATEGIES AND ARGUMENTS FOR TRIAL, AND IN THE
25 PROCESS, DEVELOP PRESENTATION SKILLS, ANALYTICAL ABILITY AND



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1 TEAM COOPERATION. THIS YEAR, WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM HART
2 HIGH SCHOOL AND VIEWPOINT MIDDLE SCHOOL WHO ARE HERE, WHO ARE
3 THE WINNERS OF THE JUNIOR AND THE SENIOR COMPETITION. AND
4 FIRST, I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE VIEWPOINT MIDDLE SCHOOL,
5 CHAMPIONS JUNIOR DIVISION CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION
6 25TH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES COUNTY MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION. [
7 APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD YOU SAY A WORD HERE?

10

11 **JENNIFER LICKMAN:** MY NAME IS JENNIFER LICKMAN, I'M THE COACH
12 FOR VIEWPOINT SCHOOL. THIS WHOLE EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN SO
13 WONDERFUL FOR MYSELF AND THE TEAM. THEY'VE WORKED SO HARD, AND
14 WHAT AN HONOR TO BE HERE TODAY AND TO HAVE OUR HARD WORK
15 REWARDED THIS WAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THE SENIORS, HART HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPION
18 SENIOR DIVISION CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION 25TH ANNUAL
19 LOS ANGELES MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION, 2002 SPECIAL COMMENDATION
20 WINNERS. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SPEAKER:** AS THE TEAM CAPTAIN FOR THE HART MOCK TRIAL TEAM, I
23 THANK YOU FOR THIS AWARD AND HART WILL DO ITS BEST TO
24 REPRESENT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN THE STATE COMPETITION.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GREAT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

2

3 **TODD CLARK:** I'M TODD CLARK, I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
4 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION. MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN
5 INVOLVED IN OUR PROGRAMS OVER THE YEARS. A NUMBER OF YOU HERE
6 IN THE CIRCLE HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AS WELL OR HAVE HAD CHILDREN
7 WHO'VE BEEN INVOLVED. WE TRY TO CREATE BRIDGES BETWEEN THE
8 CLASSROOM AND THE COMMUNITY. ONE OF THE THINGS WE DO A VERY
9 POOR JOB OF IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS TEACHING ABOUT LOCAL
10 GOVERNMENT AND STATE GOVERNMENT. SO OUR PROGRAMS ARE INTENDED
11 TO HELP WITH THAT, AND WE APPRECIATE THIS RECOGNITION AND WE
12 ARE IN AWE OF THE QUALITY OF THE STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATE IN
13 OUR PROGRAMS. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS ASK THE JUNIORS TO
16 MOVE OVER THIS SIDE AND THEN THE SENIOR OVER HERE, HART, AND
17 THEN WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET A PICTURE WITH THE GROUP. THE
18 JUNIORS OVER AT THIS SIDE AND THEN THE SENIORS OVER AT THAT
19 SIDE. OKAY. ALL THE JUNIORS COME OVER THIS YEAR, AND THE
20 SENIORS GO THAT WAY, AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO GET A GOOD PICTURE.
21 WE'LL GET ONE AT A TIME. OKAY. LET'S GET THE JUNIORS HERE.
22 OKAY. HERE WE GO. CAN YOU GET THIS?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** CONGRATULATIONS.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. NOW THE
2 SENIORS, WE WANT YOU OVER HERE, I'LL HAVE YOU MOVE OVER SOME,
3 YEAH ON BOTH SIDES. [MIXED VOICES]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, HERE WE GO, OKAY CAN EVERYONE SEE.
6 OKAY CONGRATULATIONS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TAKE CARE. [MIXED VOICES]

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE ONE OTHER PRESENTATION. I'D LIKE TO
11 CALL THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ALTERNATIVE
12 PROVIDER ALLIANCE AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS FORWARD.
13 ARE THEY HERE? LORRAINE IS, ARE -- ARE THEY HERE? WELL JUST
14 COME, PLEASE COME ON FORWARD. THE PROVISION OF HIGH-QUALITY
15 CHILD CARE IS VITAL TO THE WELL BEING OF A COMMUNITY,
16 ESPECIALLY THESE DAYS, WHEN SO MANY PARENTS MUST, BY
17 NECESSITY, BE AWAY FROM HOME FOR MANY HOURS IN ORDER TO EARN A
18 LIVING FOR THE FAMILY. CHILD CARE PROVIDERS WORK DILIGENTLY
19 TOWARD EARNING AND CARING FOR AND EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN. THEY
20 DEMONSTRATE THEIR GENUINE CONCERN AND DEDICATION TOWARD THE
21 WELFARE OF OUR CHILDREN THROUGH LONG HOURS OF WORK. CHILD CARE
22 PROVIDERS ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF A PARENT'S ABILITY TO
23 BECOME PART OF THE WORK FORCE, AND THEREFORE ATTAIN OR
24 MAINTAIN SELF-SUFFICIENCY. TODAY WE RECOGNIZE AND SALUTE
25 PROVIDERS FOR THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMY AND



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1 TO SOCIETY AT LARGE, AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS, I HEREBY PROCLAIM CHILD CARE PROVIDER
3 APPRECIATION WEEK IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE WEEK OF
4 FEBRUARY 17TH THROUGH THE 23RD, AND WE HAVE GRACE KENOI,
5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD CARE ALLIANCE OF LOS ANGELES,
6 A PARTNERSHIP OF 13 COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE
7 CHILD CARE RESOURCES AND REFERRAL SERVICES AND CHILD CARE
8 SUBSIDIES, ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

9 [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **GRACE KENOI:** ON BEHALF OF THE 13 AGENCIES IN L.A. COUNTY, THE
12 CHILD CARE AGENCIES IN L.A. COUNTY THAT PROVIDE RESOURCE AND
13 REFERRAL SERVICES AND ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT SERVICES TO MANY
14 FAMILIES IN THIS COUNTY, WE WANT TO JUST EXTEND OUR
15 APPRECIATION TO THE 30,000 PROVIDERS WE PARTNER WITH THAT
16 PROVIDE SERVICES TO ABOUT 74,000 CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY AS
17 WELL AS OTHER CHILDREN, AND WE THANK THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING
18 THE HARD WORK THAT CHILD CARERS PROVIDE ON A DAILY BASIS AND
19 THE EDUCATIONAL VALUE THAT THEY PROVIDE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AS
20 WELL AS HELPING FAMILIES ATTAIN ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY. SO
21 AGAIN WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE THAT YOU'VE RECOGNIZED
22 PROVIDERS DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17TH TO THE 23RD. AND
23 I'M ACTUALLY JOINED BY MR. JOHN JACKSON OF ACORN, WHO'S ALSO
24 PIVOTAL IN REPRESENTING PROVIDERS AS WELL, AND I THINK HE HAS
25 A FEW WORDS TO SAY.



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JOHN JACKSON: JUST BRIEFLY, THE REASON WHY OUR ORGANIZATION
BECAME INVOLVED WITH CHILD CARE PROVIDERS IS BECAUSE WE SIMPLY
BELIEVE THAT CHILD CARE PROVIDERS ARE DOING ONE OF THE MOST
IMPORTANT JOBS IN AMERICA TODAY BY TRYING TO IMPACT THE
QUALITY OF LIFE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, AND THEY NEED ALL THE
SUPPORT AND NOURISHING AND JUST ALL THE SUPPORT THAT THEY CAN
GET, AND FOR OUR PART, AS A COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION WE'RE
TRYING TO DO THAT. SO WITH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT COMES
RESPONSIBILITY, AND WE'RE TRYING TO OWN UP TO THE
RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE TO THESE COMMUNITIES THAT WE'RE
WORKING IN.

13

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

15

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR
YAROSLAVSKY, DO YOU HAVE PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR KNABE, DO
YOU HAVE PRESENTATIONS?

19

SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'D
LIKE TO CALL FORWARD BILL ROSENDAHL, GOOD FRIEND OF ALL OF US
UP HERE. BILL HAS BEEN IN THE CABLE INDUSTRY FOR 21 YEARS AND
IS CURRENTLY VICE PRESIDENT OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS. IN ADDITION
TO HIS CURRENT RESPONSIBILITY, HE'S PRODUCER, HOST, AND
MODERATOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS TELEVISION SHOWS WHICH FEATURES



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1 COMMENTS AND COMMENTARY ON THE PEOPLE AND ISSUES OF THE DAY.
2 THE SHOWS INCLUDE PERSONAL BEST SERIES, ELECTION SPECIALS,
3 LOCAL TALK, WEEK IN REVIEW AND HEALTHCARE UPDATES, AMONG
4 OTHERS. SINCE 1987, BILL HAS PRODUCED OVER 2,500 SHOWS. IN
5 ADDITION, BILL WAS A WHITE HOUSE APPOINTEE TO THE STATE
6 DEPARTMENT AS CHIEF OF OPERATIONS FOR THE U.S. TRADE AND
7 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AS AN ASSOCIATE AND PHILANTHROPIC WORKER
8 FOR JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER THE THIRD. TODAY WE RECOGNIZE BILL FOR
9 HIS 15 YEARS OF LOCAL TALK ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS AND IT GIVES ME A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE TO
11 PRESENT BILL THIS ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND
12 ALL THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE ONGOING
13 INFORMATION KINDS OF SHOWS THAT HE PUTS ON. HE'S HAD US ALL IN
14 THE HOT SEAT, HE'S HAD US AS PANELISTS, AND ALWAYS APPRECIATE
15 HIS FAIRNESS. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **BILL ROSENDAHL:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. AS YOU SAW ME RUNNING
18 AROUND, I WAS JUST TRYING TO GET SOME GUESTS FOR MY NEXT
19 SHOWS, YOU KNOW. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

20

21 **BILL ROSENDAHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE
22 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT'S BEEN A JOY TO BE ABLE TO DO
23 PROGRAMMING OF A PUBLIC SERVICE NATURE FOR THE PEOPLE IN
24 CALIFORNIA. TELEVISION IS A VERY EMPOWERING EXPERIENCE FOR
25 PEOPLE, AND IT DOES PROVIDE THE POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITY TO



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1 EDUCATE, INFORM, AND PLUG PEOPLE INTO THE POLITICAL PROCESS,
2 AND I'VE HAD THE JOY AND THE PRIVILEGE AND THE PLEASURE OF
3 DOING IT, AND LIKE THE GREAT LADY THAT JUST TURNED A HUNDRED,
4 IF IT WASN'T FOR THE GOOD LORD, I WOULDN'T BE STANDING HERE
5 TODAY, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WITH THAT STRENGTH AND BLESSING,
6 I'M ABLE TO CONTINUE. JOINING ME IS JOHN MONAGHAN AND MARGARET
7 HOSHAMAN, AND JOHN, JOHN'S BEEN WITH ME 13 YEARS, AND
8 MARGARET, NINE. WITHOUT THOSE TWO AND THE WHOLE TEAM BEHIND
9 ME, WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROGRAMMING
10 WE'VE DONE. AGAIN, COUNTY SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
11 THIS HONOR, I APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME SAY THAT BILL HAS ONE OF THE FAIREST
14 PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS ON TELEVISION. HE PRESENTS BOTH SIDES,
15 HE ALLOWS EVERYBODY TO STATE THEIR POSITION, AND THEN GIVE THE
16 OPINION AND WHY AND IT'S VERY FAIR, VERY OBJECTIVE, AND WE
17 APPRECIATE HIS LEADERSHIP IN THE MEDIA IN PROVIDING FAIRNESS.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY. I JUST WOULD ADD TOO THAT I WAS ONE OF
22 HIS FIRST GUESTS ON ONE OF THE ORIGINAL SHOWS WHEN I WAS MAYOR
23 OF CERRITOS, DURING THE CERRITOS AIR CRASH AND WE HAD A WHOLE
24 ISSUE ON AIR SAFETY, AND BILL HELPED BRING US TO THE



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1 FOREFRONT, SO BILL WE APPRECIATE THAT, CONGRATULATIONS, LOOK
2 FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON, THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I HAD THE PLEASURE OF BEING ONE OF HIS
5 INTERVIEWERS OVER THE YEARS WHEN I WAS NOT IN PUBLIC OFFICE,
6 SO IT WAS GREAT FUN. IT'S ALWAYS GREAT TO WORK WITH HIM.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD, WE HAVE SOME
9 PRESENTATIONS FOR SOME OUTSTANDING PARTICIPATIONS, FIVE
10 EMPLOYERS OF G.A.I.N. PARTICIPANTS. ALSO I WOULD LIKE BRYCE,
11 THE DIRECTOR OF D.P.S.S. TO COME FORWARD AS WELL TOO. WE HAVE
12 MARA KLUBE, REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADECO EMPLOYMENT, MARK
13 RICHARDSON, GENERAL STORE MANAGER AT K-MART, LANA FIELDS,
14 CALWORKS COORDINATOR AND MELINDA POLLO, HUMAN RESOURCES
15 COORDINATOR OF PASADENA CITY COLLEGE AND TOM HORLINSON,
16 DISTRICT MANAGER OF WAL-MART. SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
17 WELFARE REFORM IN 1996, LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S GOAL HAS BEEN TO
18 ASSIST PARTICIPANTS IN THE GREATER AVENUES FOR INDEPENDENCE,
19 BETTER KNOWN AS THE G.A.I.N. PROGRAM, AND SUCCESSFULLY
20 TRANSITIONING FROM WELFARE TO WORK. SIMPLY PUT, OUR GOAL COULD
21 NOT HAVE BEEN MET WITHOUT SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS AND EDUCATION COMMUNITIES. TO DATE,
23 OVER 42,000 WELFARE RECIPIENTS HAVE SECURED EMPLOYMENT WITH
24 VENDOR AGENCIES WHO CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY. WITH US TODAY TO
25 BE SPOTLIGHTED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE THE TOP FIVE



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1 EMPLOYERS OF OUR G.A.I.N. PARTICIPANTS. FIRST, WE'RE GOING TO
2 RECOGNIZE ADECCO EMPLOYMENT AGENCY AND MARA KLUBE WHO'S
3 ACCEPTING, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF 143
4 G.A.I.N. PARTICIPANTS IN JOBS. MARA? NEXT, FROM THE K-MART,
5 AND MARK RICHARDSON ACCEPTING FOR HIRING 121 G.A.I.N.
6 PARTICIPANTS. MARK? NEXT, TO PASADENA CITY COLLEGE BEING SANDY
7 LINDO FOR AND DEAN ERNESTINE MOORE ACCEPTING FOR HIRING 86
8 G.A.I.N. PARTICIPANTS. THANK YOU. FINALLY, TO WAL-MART STORES,
9 TOM CORNELSON, CORNEILSON, CORNELLSON, ACCEPTING FOR ITS
10 HIRING OF 92 G.A.I.N. PARTICIPANTS.

11

12 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** AND ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, WE WANT TO JOIN THE
14 BOARD IN RECOGNIZING OUR CORPORATE AND EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS,
15 THEY'VE DONE A FANTASTIC JOB ON HELPING PUT OUR G.A.I.N.
16 PARTICIPANTS TO WORK, AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THAT
17 THEY'VE DONE FOR THE COMMUNITY. THANKS AGAIN. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE
20 QUEEN AND THE COURT FROM CHINATOWN. A WEEK AGO, THERE WAS THE
21 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAD THEIR ANNUAL DINNER AND THE SELECTION
22 OF THE COURT, AND THIS PAST SATURDAY, THEY HAD THE LARGEST
23 PARADE IN DOWNTOWN CHINATOWN, OF ANY PARADE I HAD BEEN IN
24 SINCE BEING IN PUBLIC OFFICE. THEY HAD THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS
25 AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND -- PARTICIPATING IN THE YEAR OF



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1 THE RAM, OR YOU CAN CALL IT THE YEAR OF THE GOAT. AND TODAY,
2 WE WOULD LIKE TO FIRST RECOGNIZE MISS FRIENDSHIP, WHO IS ESTER
3 WONG, WHO WAS BORN IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN. SHE'S A FOURTH-YEAR
4 STUDENT AT U.C.L.A., MAJORING IN POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH
5 CONCENTRATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND A MINOR IN
6 CLASSICAL CIVILIZATIONS. SHE RECENTLY RECEIVED THE NATIONAL
7 DEAN'S LIST AWARD, WAS HONORED AS A LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE
8 NATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE HONOR SOCIETY. SHE'S A PROUD MEMBER
9 OF THE BRUIN'S NAVIGATORS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AT U.C.L.A.,
10 WHERE SHE IS THE EVANGELISM AND PRAYER TEAM LEADER. SHE ALSO
11 COMPOSES BACKGROUND MUSIC FOR STUDENT FILM PROJECTS AND
12 TEACHES CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT HER CHURCH. SO ESTER, MISS
13 FRIENDSHIP, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOURTH RUNNER UP IS DERENDA WONG, WHO WAS
16 BORN IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS. SHE'S 24 YEARS OLD, OBTAINED BOTH
17 HER BACHELOR AND MASTER'S DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
18 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SHE'S A NEW OFFICER OF THE ASIAN BUSINESS
19 LEAGUE AND FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE ASIAN PROFESSIONAL EXCHANGE,
20 CURRENTLY WORKING IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC RELATIONS. SHE'S ALSO
21 INVOLVED WITH MENTORING PROGRAMS AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR
22 YOUNG PEOPLE. SHE PLANS TO HAVE ASPIRATIONS TO BUILD AN
23 INTERNATIONAL RECREATIONAL CENTER TO BRIDGE THE ELDERLY WITH
24 THE YOUTH. [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THIS YEAR'S QUEEN IS PRISCILLA TIJO, WHO
2 WAS BORN IN MINNESOTA, RAISED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE
3 RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S IN PSYCHO BIOLOGY IN JUNE OF 2002 FROM
4 THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES WHERE SHE WAS
5 PRESIDENT OF THE BRUIN BELL SERVICE ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS THE
6 WOMEN'S SERVICE ORGANIZATION AT THE UNIVERSITY. SHE'S
7 CURRENTLY AN EIGHTH GRADE SCIENCE TEACHER AT EL CERINO MIDDLE
8 SCHOOL, PLANS ON RECEIVING HER MASTER'S IN EDUCATION FROM
9 U.C.L.A. IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. SHE'S ALSO A FORMER MISS
10 MONTEREY PARK AND WILL HAVE ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS
11 AMBASSADOR TO THE CHINESE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS
12 ANGELES. SO, PRISCILLA? [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **PRISCILLA TIJO:** WELL THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, BOARD
15 OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY THIS
16 MORNING TO BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY. AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF
17 THE CHINESE COMMUNITY, I'D LIKE TO SAY HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR
18 AS WE ENTER THE YEAR OF THE RAM, [SPEAKS IN CHINESE] AND I'D
19 ALSO LIKE TO SAY FOR AS A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION, WE HAVE
20 BROUGHT WITH US TODAY SOME FORTUNE COOKIES AND A COPY OF THE
21 CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE YEAR BOOK, AND WE THANK YOU FOR
22 YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE CHINESE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU. [
23 APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON DECEMBER 7TH OF 2003, EXCUSE ME, 2002, OUR
2 OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES HOSTED
3 THE SIXTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
4 FOSTER CHILDREN AT SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN. THIS WAS A GREAT
5 YEAR. WE HAD GREAT FOSTER PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS WHO WERE
6 PROVIDED WITH THE FOOD, PRESENTS, AND HOLIDAY CHEER AND A FREE
7 DAY INSIDE THAT THEME PARK. NOW THE SPONSORS INCLUDED SIX
8 FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN, AND WE'RE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THEIR
9 CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM, PARTY HOMES, UNISYS,
10 EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE, THE STEVENSON RANCH CULTURAL
11 LIMITED -- THEIR CULTURE TREE, NEWHALL LAND AND EDISON, WHO
12 COLLECTED THE TOYS THROUGHOUT THEIR TOY DRIVES. SO AT THIS
13 TIME, WE WANT TO SAY THANKS TO THESE SPONSORS, AND WE
14 APPRECIATE THEIR PARTICIPATION IN HELPING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE
15 IN OUR COUNTY TO HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY. OUR FIRST ONE WILL GO
16 TO PARTY HOMES. JIM? JIM, THANK YOU. AND WE HAVE MIKE SILIKOSI
17 FROM S.B.C. NO MORE "PACIFIC BELL." FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE
18 SERVICES, PHILLIP DAVIS. JEFF STEPHENSON FROM STEPHENSON
19 RANCH, CENTER D. TOM DIGGERMAN FROM NEWHALL LAND. MARYANNE
20 REYES AND CHRISTINE MCCLEOD FROM EDISON. AND MARCO ROBLES IS
21 NOT HERE. OKAY. OKAY. LET'S DO A GROUP PICTURE. FIRST, LET ME
22 ASK MARGE KELLY TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS, OUR GREAT ACTING
23 DIRECTOR.
24



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1 **MARJORIE KELLY:** THANK YOU. I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD OUR
2 APPRECIATION TO THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT SPONSORED THIS EVENT
3 FOR OUR KIDS. THANKS. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT -- DOES THAT -- OH, WE DON'T,
6 YOU HAVE...

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING, WE'D LIKE TO WELCOME I.B.M.
9 CORPORATE RELATIONS MANAGER, BILL BROWN, AND THE I.B.M.
10 STORAGE SYSTEMS MANAGER, MICHELLE MARTIN, THE I.B.M. PROJECT
11 MANAGER KEN BARNETT, AND CINDY COCHRAN, THE I.B.M CLIENT
12 REPRESENTATIVE FOR GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS WHO ARE HERE TO JOIN IN
13 DECLARING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9TH AS BLACK FAMILY TECHNOLOGY
14 AND AWARENESS WEEK. WITH I.B.M. SERVING AS THE LEAD CORPORATE
15 SPONSOR FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR, BLACK FAMILY
16 TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK FOCUSES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF
17 TECHNOLOGY IN EVERYDAY LIFE WHICH LEADS TO A BETTER EDUCATION,
18 MORE CAREER OPTIONS AND A LIMITLESS FUTURE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND
19 FAMILIES. THE ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE COUNTY WILL UNITE
20 FAMILIES, CHURCHES, CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS TO
21 HELP PLAN AND FUND ACTIVITIES THAT INCREASE ACCESS TO
22 TECHNOLOGY. SO NOW THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS DECLARED THE
23 WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9TH THROUGH THE 15TH AS BLACK FAMILY
24 TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND COMMEND
25 I.B.M. FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THEIR FOURTH



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1 CONSECUTIVE YEAR IN THE SPONSORSHIP OF THIS PROGRAM. [

2 APPLAUSE]

3

4 **WILLIAM BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. IT'S A

5 PLEASURE FOR US TO BE HERE TODAY AND ACTUALLY THIS WEEK, WE

6 HAVE 10 EVENTS GOING ON ALL ACROSS THE CITY AND THE COUNTY,

7 AND WHICH WE'RE TRYING TO FOCUS ON BRINGING ATTENTION TO THE

8 DIGITAL DIVIDE IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY. WE ALSO DO THE SAME

9 THING IN OCTOBER FOR THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY ALSO, THE EVENTS

10 WE DO ARE CALLED LA FAMILIA. BUT WE WILL BE AT NINE DIFFERENT

11 HIGH SCHOOLS THIS WEEK, WE'LL BE DEMONSTRATING TECHNOLOGY THAT
12 IS PERVASIVE, THAT'S COMING TO ALL OF OUR HOMES IN THE FUTURE,

13 AND THE POINT OF THIS IS TO CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE TO THE KIDS

14 TO CONTINUE IN SCHOOL, TO GET THEIR EDUCATION, TO GO ON TO

15 COLLEGE AND HOPEFULLY TO BECOME COMFORTABLE WITH THIS

16 TECHNOLOGY AND ALSO EVENTUALLY MAYBE EVEN BECOME I.B.M.ERS

17 LIKE US. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR RECOGNIZING US TODAY. [

18 APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW, PHIL BROWNING, OUR DIRECTOR OF THE L.A.

21 COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT SYSTEM WILL JOIN ME. WE ARE GOING TO

22 COMMEND THE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF WHO, UPON RECEIVING AN

23 EMERGENCY REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS' OFFICE,

24 ASSISTED IN THE COLLECTION OF A \$109,000 CHILD SUPPORT CASE.

25 LAWRENCE SILVERMAN, THE DIVISION CHIEF OF THE INTERNATIONAL



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1 DIVISION OF THE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR LOS
2 ANGELES COUNTY WAS INFORMED THAT A CUSTODIAL PARENT IN
3 MASSACHUSETTS HAD JUST LEARNED THAT THE FATHER OF HER CHILDREN
4 WAS IN THE PROCESS OF SELLING THE MALIBU HOME THAT THEY
5 RESIDED IN. LARRY QUICKLY HAD FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICER ADRIENNE
6 HORBATH EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING OF THE FORM REGISTRATION. WHEN
7 THE INTERSTATE LIEN WAS REJECTED BY THE REGISTRAR RECORDER'S
8 OFFICE BECAUSE THE LIEN WAS NOT IN THE USUAL FORM, THE STAFF
9 ATTORNEY, SHEILA LEBOWITZ, CONTACTED L.A. COUNTY COUNCIL AND
10 CONVINCED THEM THAT THE LIEN WAS APPROPRIATE, ALLOWING THE
11 LIEN TO BE RECORDED. ONCE SHEILA NEGOTIATED THIS, THE \$109,000
12 WITH THE FATHER'S ATTORNEY, FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICER, TANAKA
13 HENDERSON, PROCESSED THE DEMAND TO THE ESCROW COMPANY AND
14 V.I.P. SUPERVISING FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICER, ROYLINE ORLANA,
15 MADE ALL OF THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES INTO A.R.S. CHILD SUPPORT
16 SERVICES' AUTOMATIC SYSTEM. SO AT THIS TIME, ON BEHALF OF THE
17 BOARD, WE WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE STAFF FOR HELPING THAT
18 LITTLE CHILD RECEIVE THE FUNDS THAT THEY WERE ENTITLED TO SO
19 THEY CAN HELP WITH THEIR EDUCATION AND GETTING THEIR LIFE BACK
20 TO NORMAL. SO LARRY? THERE YOU GO, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE
21]

22

23 **LAWRENCE SILVERMAN:** SUPERVISORS, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR
24 THIS HONOR. IT REALLY EXEMPLIFIES THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION
25 THAT OUR STAFF PUT FORTH EVERY DAY ON BEHALF OF THE CHILDREN



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1 AND FAMILIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO SEE TO IT THAT CHILDREN
2 THAT ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE SUPPORT RECEIVE THE SUPPORT DUE.
3 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ADRIENNE, LET ME GIVE YOU YOUR SCROLL.

6

7 **LAWRENCE SILVERMAN:** I REALLY DO APPRECIATE THE BOARD
8 RECOGNIZING OUR STAFF. THIS IS JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF THE ALMOST
9 TWO THOUSAND EMPLOYEES WHO COLLECTED ALMOST HALF A BILLION
10 DOLLARS LAST YEAR, AND I REALLY DO APPRECIATE ALL THE BOARD
11 SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING THIS TIME, IT REALLY DOES MEAN A LOT TO
12 OUR STAFF. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE APPRECIATE THE GOOD MANAGEMENT OF THE
15 DEPARTMENT, VERY, VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THAT. ONE OTHER, IS A
16 LITTLE CORGI MIX, RUDY, THIS IS LITTLE RUDY, HE HAD A FAN WHO
17 PLAYED FOR NOTRE DAME, MADE A MOVIE ABOUT HIM. RUDY IS SIX
18 MONTHS OLD SO YOU CAN SEE RUDY IS A BIG BOY. OKAY. ANYBODY
19 WHO'D LIKE TO ADOPT RUDY WHO'S WATCHING AT HOME ON TELEVISION
20 CAN CALL 562-728-4644, OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WHO'D LIKE
21 TO ADOPT RUDY, HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. OKAY, SO LITTLE RUDY
22 IS LOOKING FOR A HOME.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY
25 PRESENTATIONS? NO?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEN I'LL GO ON WITH THE AGENDA.

5 I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF

6 REVEREND DR. VERDEL LEE BRENSON, PASTOR OF THE BRYANT TEMPLE

7 AIMIE CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS 33

8 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AND OUTSTANDING

9 SERVICE TO THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE

10 OF 51 YEARS, CLINTINE, MAMA BRENSON AND TWO DAUGHTERS, BEVERLY

11 BRENSON-PAYNE AND VERDELLA MCCLOYNE. AND W. NELSON TALBOT,

12 LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT AND BALUN VISTA

13 AREA. HE WAS A RETIRED EDUCATOR WITH L.A.U.S.D. HE'S SURVIVED

14 BY HIS WIFE, SHERRY TALBOT, AND HIS SON OLIVER TALBOT. AND

15 WILLIS DUFFY, WHO I'LL GET THE INFORMATION TO YOU LATER WITH

16 ALL THE DETAILS OF -- FOR MR. DUFFY. HIS FUNERAL WAS LAST

17 SATURDAY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE HOLD BY MRS. CLAVREUL HAS BEEN

18 WITHDRAWN ON ITEM NUMBER 20, SO MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY

19 YAROSLAVSKY. THE ITEM 20 IS ADOPTED. AND ON ITEM 50, MOVED BY

20 MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 50 IS

21 ADOPTED. I'LL NOW CALL ITEM 8. OH, I'LL WAIT FOR... SOMEONE

22 WAS HOLDING ITEM 8? HAROLD COLLINS WAS HOLDING 8?

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24 **HAROLD COLLINS:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM PRESIDENT. MY NAME IS

25 HAROLD COLLINS. MY WIFE IS KAREN JILL COLLINS. WE'VE LIVED IN



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1 THE CITY OF DIAMOND BARK FOR PROBABLY 27 YEARS. MY SON, GENE
2 COLLINS, WAS MURDERED MARCH THE 23RD AT 2:30 IN THE MORNING. I
3 WANTED TO COME DOWN PERSONALLY AND THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE AND
4 THE REMAINDER OF THE BOARD FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION ON ITEM 8.
5 YOU GUYS DO A LOT OF THINGS, GREAT THINGS ON THE BOARD, AND
6 YOU DON'T ALWAYS GET THANKED FOR WHAT YOU DO. AND WE, MY WIFE
7 AND I FELT THAT AT LEAST WITH THIS ITEM, YOU DESERVED A THANK
8 YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. I'LL MOVE THE ITEM. THANK YOU FOR
13 TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY
16 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 32. THIS IS HELD
17 BY -- FOR THE BOARD. COULD WE ASK THAT THE DEPARTMENT COME
18 FORWARD. WE HAVE ONE PERSON WHO HAS ASKED TO SPEAK ON THIS,
19 MARY JO MAXWELL. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS COMING FORWARD -- DO WE
20 HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE LIBRARY HERE AND FROM PUBLIC WORKS?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK MR. BELL, I'LL SIGN FOR THAT, YOU SIGN UP
23 UNDER -- THIS IS -- MADAM CHAIR? I THINK IT WAS --

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TO HAVE 58 FIRST, BUT WE CAN HEAR
2 THEM AT THE SAME TIME.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HAVE 58 AND 32.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** THE SAME ITEM BASICALLY.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING.

13

14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY, MADAM CHAIR. THESE ARE HEARING
15 ITEMS, AND MAY I SWEAR THEM IN?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CERTAINLY. [ADMINISTERING OATH]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD ALL THE PEOPLE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY ON
20 THIS WHO I HAVE CARDS, WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND? RUSSELL BELL,
21 TOM AROY. ON THIS AND 58. ANYONE WHO'S TESTIFYING ON 58 AS
22 WELL, PLEASE STAND, TO BE SWORN. ALL RIGHT. DO YOU SOLEMNLY
23 SWEAR YOU'LL TELL THE TRUTH -- THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN SWORN. THE
24 OTHER PEOPLE -- ANY OTHER PEOPLE WHO NEED TO BE SWORN? OKAY.

25



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1 **MARY JO MAXWELL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARY JO MAXWELL. I
2 RESIDE AT 20068 EMERALD MEADOW DRIVE IN WALNUT, THE
3 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF ROWLAND HEIGHTS. I'M A 38-YEAR RESIDENT
4 OF THE AREA. I'VE SERVED ON THE ROWLAND SCHOOL BOARD FOR 18
5 YEARS, AND I'M FIRST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS
6 COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL. AND I'M HERE TO STRONGLY
7 SUPPORT YOUR APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE EAST SAN
8 GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY. WE BEGAN WORKING FOR
9 LIBRARIES IN OUR AREA IN THE '60S WITH THE URGING OF A BOOK
10 MOBILE ROUTE. WE THEN ENJOYED THAT SO MUCH, WE ASKED FOR A
11 STOREFRONT, AND ONE OF OUR WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS WAS
12 INSTRUMENTAL IN SEEKING THAT STOREFRONT AND WE ARE -- WE WERE
13 THRILLED THAT THE CURRENT ROWLAND HEIGHTS LIBRARY SURVIVED THE
14 PROP 13 CUTS AND WAS THE LAST ONE ON THE DRAWING BOARD BUILT
15 IN 1969. THIS LIBRARY IS WOEFULLY SMALL, BUT YET IT IS ONE OF
16 THE HIGHEST-VOLUME USAGE LIBRARIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TWO
17 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ROWLAND UNIFIED AND HACIENDA LA PUENTA
18 UNIFIED, HAVE BOTH SIGNED THE JOINT USE AGREEMENT. AND YOUR
19 APPROVAL WOULD FACILITATE USAGE AND ARTICULATION OF LIBRARY
20 MATERIALS FOR ABOUT 40,000 STUDENTS IN BOTH COMMUNITIES, AS
21 WELL AS ADJOINING COMMUNITY OF LA HABRA HEIGHTS. AT THIS TIME,
22 WE FEEL THE BEST LOCATION FOR THIS REGIONAL LIBRARY IS IN
23 SHABARHAM REGIONAL PARK. IT HAS CONVENIENT ACCESS FROM
24 FREEWAYS AND BUSES AS WELL AS KLEEMER ROAD, EXCUSE ME, A MAIN
25 THOROUGHFARE. IN THIS DAY AND AGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND



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1 ELECTRONICS, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE PRESERVE THE WRITTEN WORD.
2 BOOKS FOR OUR CHILDREN, READING BOOKS WILL NEVER BE REPLACED
3 BY LOOKING AT A COMPUTER SCREEN. WE STRONGLY URGE YOUR SUPPORT
4 OF THIS APPLICATION FOR THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL
5 LIBRARY. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MARY JO.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

10

11 **RUSSELL BELL:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
12 RUSSELL BELL. I AM PRESIDENT OF THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY
13 COORDINATING COUNCIL AND SERVED ON THE LIBRARY NEEDS
14 ASSESSMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. AND I AM PRESENT HERE TODAY TO
15 TESTIFY IN FAVOR OF CONSENT ITEM 32 AND ITEM 38, THE PLAN
16 AMENDMENT AND OAK TREE PERMIT REGARDING EAST SAN GABRIEL
17 VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY. THERE ARE AN EXTREMELY LIMITED NUMBER
18 OF CHANGES WHICH ADVERSELY AFFECT TRAFFIC AND TREE REMOVAL IN
19 ROWLAND HEIGHTS THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD FAVOR. THIS IS ONE OF
20 THOSE FEW. THE COMMUNITY HAS, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED CONCERNS
21 REGARDING TRAFFIC IN THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS AREA. IT IS ALREADY
22 BEYOND WHAT THE STREETS, ARTERIALS, AND FREEWAYS WERE
23 APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE. IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT
24 JUST TO TRAVEL WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AT ANY TIME DURING THE DAY
25 OR EVENING HOURS. WE WOULD THEREFORE ASK THAT YOU GIVE CAREFUL



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1 CONSIDERATION TO THE TRAFFIC. WE WOULD ALSO ASK THAT YOU
2 PLEASE GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE REMOVAL AND
3 REPLACEMENT OF ALL TREES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF OAK. WE HAVE
4 ALREADY HAD DEVELOPMENTS IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS THAT PROMISED
5 HUNDREDS OF OAK TREES -- OR THAT REMOVED HUNDREDS OF OAK TREES
6 WITH PROMISES OF MULTIPLE REPLACEMENTS. THESE TREES MUST HAVE
7 BEEN PLANTED ELSEWHERE, FOR WE HAVEN'T SEEN THE FIRST ONE.
8 ROWLAND HEIGHTS HAS A SECOND HIGHEST-USAGE LIBRARY IN THE
9 COUNTY. IT IS PROBABLE THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST HAD
10 IT MORE PARKING AREA AND MORE ROOM. THE ADDITION OF THE EAST
11 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY IS MORE THAN WELCOME IN
12 THE COMMUNITY. WE DO ASK THAT YOU APPROVE THESE ITEMS TO ALLOW
13 THE LIBRARY. WE ALSO ASK THAT YOU PROVIDE CONTINUED -- PROVIDE
14 FOR A CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE EXISTING ROWLAND HEIGHTS
15 LIBRARY AND HACIENDA HEIGHTS LIBRARY WITHOUT ANY REDUCTION OF
16 THE HOURS OF OPERATION OR THE SERVICES OFFERED. THANK YOU VERY
17 MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN, RUSS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TOM BARRON.

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1 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MADAM CHAIR, I WOULD RECOMMEND AT THIS
2 POINT THAT YOUR BOARD ACTUALLY FORMALLY CALL ITEM 58, AND THEN
3 YOU CAN DEEM THE TESTIMONY THAT'S BEEN RECEIVED SO FAR ON 32
4 AS ALSO APPLYING TO ITEM 58.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL CALL ITEM 58, AND ALL
7 THE TESTIMONY THAT'S BEEN GIVEN ON 58 WILL BE -- ON 32 WILL BE
8 DEEMED PART OF 58, AND I BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE
9 SPEAKERS MENTIONED THAT. FOR NUMBER 58, WE DID HAVE ONE
10 ADDITIONAL PERSON, TOM BARRON, BUT I DON'T SEE HIM COMING
11 FORWARD.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD MOVE THE PUBLIC HEARING BE CLOSED.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY
16 THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE CLOSED AND THAT THE ITEM BE
17 APPROVED. MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
18 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT'S ON 32 NOW.

19

20 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** THAT WAS ON 58 FIRST. THAT WOULD BE
21 OUR PREFERENCE AND THEN ON ITEM 32.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON 58, YES.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN I MOVE ITEM 32.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY KNABE ON 32 THAT THEY, AND
3 THAT THIS IS NOT A HEARING, IT'S JUST MOVED THAT THE ITEM BE
4 APPROVED. SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
5 ORDERED.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU, MARY JO AND RUSSELL FOR
8 COMING DOWN. I APPRECIATE IT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 57. NOW THIS IS FOR A REPORT BY ACTING
11 DIRECTOR. WE ALREADY APPROVED THAT. WHILE SHE'S COMING
12 FORWARD, WE CAN CALL 59-D, AND THAT WAS HELD FOR STAN JONES
13 AND OTHERS. OH IT'S A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE HUH, 59-D. WE'RE
14 CALLING 59-D. OH NO, HERE SHE IS. WELL, I'LL GO ON. HERE'S --
15 MISS KELLY IS HERE, SO WE'LL GO ON WITH 57, THEN WE'LL CALL
16 59-D IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHE GIVES HER REPORT. WE WANT TO TELL
17 YOU HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE AND YOUR WORK AND YOU
18 REALLY MADE A DENT AND MADE A CHANGE IN OUR DEPARTMENT. WE
19 WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20

21 **MARJORIE KELLY:** I APPRECIATE THAT. THIS HAS BEEN A PLEASURE
22 FOR ME. I HAVE ENJOYED THIS. FOR THE RECORD, I'M MARJORIE
23 KELLY, INTERIM DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
24 SERVICES. I AM HERE THIS MORNING TO SPEAK ON THE FEDERAL CHILD
25 AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW AND TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE



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1 REVIEW, THE REVIEW PROCESS, AND THE STATE RESULTS. THE OMNIBUS
2 BUDGET RECONCILIATION ACT OF 1993 PROVIDED ENHANCED FUNDING
3 FOR AUTOMATED CHILD WELFARE SYSTEMS IN THE COUNTRY. IN
4 CALIFORNIA, WE DEVELOPED THE C.M.S. SYSTEM AND COMPLETED OUR
5 INFORMATION SYSTEM IN 1998. FOLLOWING THAT, THE ADOPTION AND
6 SAFE FAMILIES ACT OF 1997 DIRECTED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
7 AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL TO DEVELOP A SET OF OUTCOME MEASURES FOR
8 ASSESSING STATE PERFORMANCE IN CHILD WELFARE SERVICES USING
9 THE AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEMS. THE FEDERAL RULES REGARDING THE
10 FAMILY SERVICES STATE REVIEWS WERE PROMULGATED AND BECAME
11 EFFECTIVE IN MARCH OF 2000. IN CALIFORNIA, THE FEDERAL REVIEW
12 BEGAN IN FEBRUARY OF 2000 AND WAS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER WITH
13 AN ON-SITE REVIEW. A TOTAL OF 49 CASES WERE REVIEWED IN THE
14 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. 24 OF THOSE WERE IN LOS ANGELES, THE REST
15 WERE SPLIT BETWEEN SAN STANISLAUS AND SAN MATEO COUNTY. ABOUT
16 175 STAKEHOLDERS WERE INTERVIEWED IN THESE THREE COUNTIES AND
17 THE FINAL FEDERAL REPORT WAS SENT TO THE STATE JANUARY 10TH OF
18 THIS YEAR. THE FEDERAL REVIEW EXAMINED SEVEN OUTCOMES AND
19 SEVEN SYSTEMIC FACTORS. CALIFORNIA WAS FOUND IN CONFORMITY
20 WITH TWO OF THE SEVEN SYSTEMIC FACTORS AND ACHIEVED CONFORMITY
21 IN NONE OF THE OUTCOME FACTORS, THOSE OUTCOMES COVERED SAFETY
22 CHILD WELL BEING AND PERMANENCE. HOWEVER, THE STATE DID
23 ACHIEVE 89.6%, 88%, 85.1%, AND 81.1% IN FOUR OF THE SEVEN
24 OUTCOME AREAS, MEANING THEY WERE WITHIN A FRACTION OF A
25 PERCENTAGE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE IN FOUR OF THE OUTCOME



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1 AREAS. THE STATE IS REQUIRED TO ADDRESS WITHIN 90 DAYS EACH
2 OUTCOME AND SYSTEMIC FACTOR NOT IN SUBSTANTIAL COMPLIANCE OR
3 CONFORMANCE THROUGH WHAT WE CALL A PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT OR A
4 P.I.P. PLAN. SHOULD THAT P.I.P. PLAN NOT BE FILED, THE FEDERAL
5 GOVERNMENT MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY OF \$18 MILLION, A PROPORTION
6 OF THE 4-B AND 4-E ALLOCATIONS TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
7 NONE OF THIS PENALTY WOULD OR COULD BE ASSESSED TO ANY COUNTY
8 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND CERTAINLY ANY ATTEMPT ON THE
9 PART OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO WITHHOLD FUNDS COULD AND
10 CERTAINLY WOULD BE APPEALED BY THE STATE DUE TO SUBSTANTIAL
11 PROBLEMS WITH THE FEDERAL REVIEW PROCESS, WHICH I WILL TALK
12 ABOUT IN A MOMENT. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AT THIS TIME DOES
13 NOT HAVE A METHOD IN PLACE TO ASSESS PROPORTIONATE SHARES OF
14 DISALLOWANCES IN THE MAJOR CHILD WELFARE FUNDING AREAS. THE
15 REVIEW HAS -- THE FEDERAL REVIEW PROCESS HAS COME UNDER SOME
16 CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM, PARTICULARLY BY THE MAJOR SCHOOLS OF
17 SOCIAL WORK AND THEIR RESEARCH STAFF BECAUSE OF FLAWS
18 IDENTIFIED IN THE RESEARCH DESIGN. CERTAINLY ANY PENALTY THAT
19 THE FEDS WOULD TRY TO IMPOSE UPON THE STATE WOULD BE SUBJECT
20 TO APPEAL BY THE STATE DUE TO THE FLAWS IN THE RESEARCH
21 DESIGN. I WILL PAUSE AT THIS POINT AND ASK IF THERE ARE ANY
22 QUESTIONS.

23
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK, WHEN I BROUGHT FORTH THE MOTION
25 BACK IN JANUARY ON THIS ISSUE, WAS TO FIND OUT HOW THIS AUDIT



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1 OF THE STATE IS GOING TO NOW TRICKLE DOWN TO THE COUNTY AND
2 HOW THE COUNTY SHOULD ADDRESS THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW
3 OUR PROCEDURES AND ARE THERE ANY AREAS THAT WE OUGHT TO BE
4 CONCENTRATING ON THAT WOULD IMPROVE THE SYSTEM, AND IF THERE
5 ARE, WHAT TYPE OF TIME LINE ARE YOU SUGGESTING WE BE INVOLVED
6 WITH?

7

8 **MARJORIE KELLY:** YES. ACTUALLY, THE AREAS THAT THE COUNTY
9 SHOULD BE CONCENTRATING ON ARE THE AREAS THAT THIS DEPARTMENT
10 HAS BEEN TALKING WITH THE SUPERVISORS ABOUT OVER THE LAST
11 SEVERAL MONTHS, AND THAT IS PARTICULARLY THE AREAS OF
12 PERMANENCE. THE STATE ACTUALLY SCORED RATHER WELL IN CHILD
13 SAFETY, MISSING COMPLIANCE BY LITERALLY TENTHS OF A PERCENT.
14 THE LOWEST STATE SCORES WERE IN THE AREA OF PERMANENCE, AND
15 CERTAINLY THAT IS AN ISSUE IN LOS ANGELES, WHERE WE HAVE
16 CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN IN LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE. IT CERTAINLY
17 IS IN OUR INTEREST AND THE INTEREST OF THE CHILDREN TO
18 CONTINUE TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE PERMANENCE. ONE OF THE
19 RESEARCH FLAWS IN THE REVIEW IS THAT WHEN STATES AGGRESSIVELY
20 PURSUE PERMANENCE FOR CHILDREN IN LONG-TERM FOSTER CARE, THEIR
21 SCORES ON THE FEDERAL REVIEW GO DOWN, AND THAT IS BECAUSE THE
22 FEDERAL REVIEW, THIS IS ONE OF THE RESEARCH DESIGN FLAWS,
23 FEDERAL REVIEW COUNTS WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE IN COMPLIANCE WITH
24 24 MONTHS FROM THE INITIATION OF FOSTER CARE TO ADOPTION.
25 WELL, IF YOU DO YOUR JOB, YOUR DUE DILIGENCE JOB, AND ADOPT



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1 CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN IN CARE FOR, SAY, FIVE YEARS, IT WILL
2 DRIVE DOWN YOUR SCORE BECAUSE THE CHILDREN YOU'RE ADOPTING
3 WILL SHOW UP IN THE FEDERAL REVIEW AS LONGER THAN TWO YEARS.
4 SO THERE ARE SOME QUIRKS IN THE DESIGN THAT WHEN YOU DO DO THE
5 JOB YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO, YOU'LL GET A LOWER SCORE INSTEAD OF
6 A HIGHER SCORE. BUT CERTAINLY PERMANENCE IS THE NUMBER ONE
7 AREA FOR US TO FOCUS ON.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND AGAIN, WHEN WE DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE WITH
10 YOU AND DAVID SAUNDERS LAST WEEK, THIS WAS AN ISSUE THAT WE
11 ARE COMMITTED TO FOCUS ON AND STREAMLINE.

12

13 **MARJORIE KELLY:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT I WOULD SUGGEST THAT PERHAPS WE
16 COMMUNICATE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHEN THEY DO FUTURE
17 AUDITS THAT THEY OUGHT TO REVISE THEIR GRADING TO ENSURE THAT
18 THE OUTCOME IS GETTING THESE CHILDREN IN PERMANENT HOMES AND
19 IT'S GOING TO REWARD EFFORTS IN DOING THAT INSTEAD OF ACTING
20 AS A DISINCENTIVE, SO PERHAPS WHEN WE ACCEPT THIS REPORT, WE
21 COULD SUGGEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT SEND SUCH A LETTER OR THE
22 BOARD CAN SEND -- THE DEPARTMENT CAN DRAFT A LETTER AND WE CAN
23 SEND IT TO THE SECRETARY.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S RECEIVED IN FILE WITH THE
2 SUGGESTION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FILE WITH A LETTER BE SENT BY THE BOARD.

5

6 **MARJORIE KELLY:** WE WILL DO THAT.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE GOOD JOB.

11

12 **MARJORIE KELLY:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW TAKE UP ITEM 59-D. WE HAVE A
15 NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ASKED TO SPEAK. WE'LL ASK THEM EACH TO
16 COME UP. STAN JONES, DON DE HARDEN -- OR DE JORDIN, DR. HESHAM
17 RAGB, AND TIM GALLAGHER. WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD? AND DO
18 WE NEED ANOTHER CHAIR THERE? THERE. OKAY. AND TIM CAN SIT OVER
19 AT THE SIDE. TIM CAN SIT OVER ON THIS SIDE. ALL RIGHT. YES.
20 MR. JONES, COULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME.

21

22 **STAN JONES:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND TO THE BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS STAN JONES, AND I'M A REPRESENTATIVE
24 OF THE LOMA ALTA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE. WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
25 TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN PARTICULAR FOR THE GREAT EFFORTS



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1 THAT YOU'VE GONE TO TO GET US A QUALITY FACILITY IN OUR PARK.
2 WE WANT A QUALITY FACILITY AND WE WANT IT NOW. WE WANT A
3 GYMNASIUM. ITEM 59-D, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, IS REFERENCING OUR
4 PROJECT, BUT IT'S ENCOMPASSING MUCH LARGER THAN JUST THE
5 GYMNASIUM RECREATION FACILITY. WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DELAY YOUR
6 VOTE ON THIS ITEM BECAUSE THERE'S AN AUDIT THAT IS TO BEGIN
7 TOMORROW THAT WE BELIEVE MIGHT IMPACT ON YOUR DECISION, FUNDS
8 THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE, OTHER ISSUES THAT MIGHT IMPACT ON
9 THIS PROJECT. THIS AUDIT IS HOPEFULLY A 30-DAY AUDIT AND IT
10 WOULD GIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, WE BELIEVE, FOR YOU TO
11 CONSIDER IN YOUR APPROVAL OF THE PROGRAM. WE ARE A COMMUNITY
12 OF 42,000 PEOPLE PLUS, AND WE'RE THE LARGEST TOWN IN
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S FIFTH DISTRICT. WE HAVE OVER 90% OF
14 THE GROUP HOMES THAT ARE IN THE ALTADENA AREA. WE'VE PREPARED
15 A PACKET, AND I BELIEVE YOU'VE BEEN PASSED OUT A PACKET AND
16 JUST DONE JUST A COUPLE OF SHOW-AND-TELL ITEMS FOR YOU. THE
17 ONE ITEM WITH THE GREEN ITEMS NUMBERED 14522, THESE ARE GROUP
18 HOMES IN OUR AREA THAT THE ALTADENA LOMA ALTA PARK SERVES. WE
19 FEEL THAT THIS PARK HAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE
20 EFFORTS THAT YOU'VE PUT INTO ESTABLISHING GROUP HOMES AND
21 PUTTING THESE IN COMMUNITIES THAT CAN SERVE THEM WELL. THIS IS
22 A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM REALLY WORK IF
23 WE HAVE THE RIGHT FACILITY IN THE RIGHT LOCATION, AND THAT'S
24 THE THEME OF OUR COMMENTS TO YOU TODAY. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING
25 FOR OVER TWO YEARS. WE WERE OFFERED A GYM WHICH WE FELT WAS AN



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1 INFERIOR FACILITY IN AN INFERIOR LOCATION. WE FELT THAT THE
2 FACILITY WAS NOT GOING TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEEDS OF THE LOMA
3 ALTA COMMUNITY, NOR THE GROUP HOMES, NOR THE CHILDREN, AND WE
4 FELT IT WAS GOING TO IMPACT ADVERSELY ON OUR PARK. WE FELT
5 THAT IT WAS GOING TO TAKE AWAY INDEED FROM WHAT OUR PARK IS
6 ALREADY ACCOMPLISHING. THE GYMNASIUM FACILITY THAT WE WERE
7 OFFERED WAS -- IT WAS WORKABLE IN CERTAIN AREAS, BUT IT JUST -
8 - IT WAS NOT RIGHT FOR OUR COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION TO THE
9 FACILITY, THE LOCATION OF THE FACILITY WE FEEL IS BUILDING IN
10 PROBLEMS THAT ARE GOING TO COME BACK AND PERHAPS HAUNT US IN
11 THE FUTURE. THE FACILITY THAT IS BEING PROPOSED TO US RIGHT
12 NOW IS GOING TO BE DOWNHILL FROM OUR CHILDREN'S AREA, IT WILL
13 BE PLACED DIRECTLY ON TOP OF THE TWO OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS
14 THAT WE HAVE IN OUR PARK NOW, AND THOSE TWO BASKETBALL COURTS
15 WOULD BE REPLACED BY ONE INDOOR BASKETBALL COURT THAT WOULD
16 HAVE TO BE SUPERVISED, OF COURSE, ALL THE TIME. WE HAD BUDGET
17 ISSUES THAT PLAGUED OUR PROJECT, AND WE'VE HAD MONEYS ADDED BY
18 THE SUPERVISOR AND JAN TEKOTA AND OTHERS HAVE DISCOVERED
19 ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT HAVE TAKEN OUR BUDGET FROM SOMEWHERE IN
20 THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$1.9 MILLION UP TO ABOUT 5 AND A MILLION
21 DOLLARS. WE BELIEVE WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY HERE TO
22 PUT A QUALITY FACILITY IN THE RIGHT LOCATION IN OUR PARK THAT
23 WILL NOT CAUSE US TO LOSE OUR OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS, WILL
24 NOT CAUSE US TO LOSE OUR BASEBALL DIAMOND, OUR BASEBALL
25 DIAMOND, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE LOCATION



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1 OF THIS GYM TO WHERE OUR BASEBALL DIAMOND WILL BE TURNED INTO
2 WHAT YOU MIGHT CONSIDER A BASEBALL COURT. I'VE OFFERED A
3 COUPLE OF OTHER PICTURES HERE. THE FIRST PICTURE, ITEM 9,
4 SHOWS THE GYM FACILITY THAT WE WERE OFFERED, AND ITEM 11 SHOWS
5 THE GYMNASIUM, RECREATION FACILITY THAT WE WERE REQUESTING A
6 MODEL ONLY, THIS IS A MODEL OF WHAT WE'RE REQUESTING, AND IT
7 HOUSES THE GYMNASIUM FACILITY AND AN OFFICE STRUCTURE AND THE
8 COMMUNITY ROOMS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR THIS PARK. ITEM 16
9 SHOWS YOU A PICTURE OF A STAGE THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH THE
10 GYMNASIUM THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR THE COMMUNITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE
11 OF ALL OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THIS PARK WOULD ALLOW, AND ITEM 22
12 SHOWS A PICTURE OF THE FACILITY AND THE PROXIMITY OF THE
13 CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA. THE FACILITY WE'RE BEING OFFERED RIGHT
14 NOW, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, IS GOING TO BE REMOVED SOME 100
15 YARDS FROM WHERE THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA WILL BE. IT WILL
16 ALSO BE LOCATED DOWNHILL FROM THE CHILDREN'S AREA. SO WE'RE
17 ASKING FOR YOU TO DELAY YOUR VOTE ON THIS UNTIL WE CAN GET THE
18 RESULTS OF THIS AUDIT BACK AND ALLOW US THE OPPORTUNITY TO
19 HAVE SOME INPUT INTO THE LOCATION AND INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF
20 THIS FACILITY. SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS OF MY COMMITTEE DO HAVE
21 COMMENTS THEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR
22 CONSIDERATION, DOCTOR.
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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HAVE MELANIE HARRY TAKE
2 YOUR PLACE THERE AT THE TABLE. YES, SIR. PLEASE STATE YOUR
3 NAME.

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5 **DON DE JORDIN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DON DE JORDIN. I'M A
6 RESIDENT OF WEST ALTADENA. I PRESENTLY HAVE GRANDCHILDREN THAT
7 ARE PLAYING IN THE LITTLE LEAGUE AT LOMA ALTA PARK. IN
8 ADDITION, I HAVE EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE IN
9 BASKETBALL. I WAS AN INVITEE AS A PLAYER TO THE U.S.
10 BASKETBALL OLYMPIC TRIALS. I'VE BEEN THE GENERAL MANAGER OF
11 THE PHILADELPHIA 76ERS, AND I HAVE REPRESENTED OVER 500
12 PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES IN THEIR CAREERS. BY VIRTUE OF THIS
13 BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE, I FEEL I HAVE A VERY GOOD FEEL FOR
14 THE IMPACT BASKETBALL, SPORTS CAN HAVE ON VARIOUS SITUATIONS.
15 I WANT TO ADDRESS THIS MORNING THE OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS
16 AT LOMA ALTA PARK. I HAVE A VERY BRIEF STATEMENT. WITH THE
17 ACUTE SHORTAGE OF INDOOR BASKETBALL FACILITIES IN THE AREA, IT
18 CAN BE FORECAST WITH VIRTUAL CERTAINTY THAT DURING THE NEW
19 GYM'S PRINCIPAL HOURS OF BASKETBALL ACTIVITY, IT WILL BE USED
20 ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY FOR AREA LEAGUES. THIS WOULD BE MALE AND
21 FEMALE, WHICH START FROM AGE 7 AND IT WOULD INCLUDE THOSE
22 PLAYERS THAT ARE 30 YEARS OLD-PLUS. THE NEW GYM IS INTENDED TO
23 BE LOCATED ON THE SITE OF THE EXISTING OUTDOOR BASKETBALL
24 COURTS WHERE NON-LEAGUE, FREELANCE INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY PLAY
25 ALONE OR IN ANY COMBINATION UP TO 10 TO 12 PLAYERS PER COURT.



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1 NO ALTERNATIVE LOCATION IS PROVIDED FOR THE OUTDOOR COURTS.
2 NOT LONG AGO, LOMA ALTA PARK WAS A MAGNET FOR DRUG DEALING,
3 GANGS, AND OTHER CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. TREMENDOUS AND EFFECTIVE
4 COORDINATED EFFORTS HAVE MADE IT A JEWEL OF WEST ALTADENA. THE
5 VERY VISIBLE USE OF THE OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS IS AN
6 INTEGRAL PART OF THIS TRANSFORMATION. IT IS REQUESTED THAT
7 SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
8 EITHER LOCATING THE NEW GYM SO THAT THE OUTDOOR COURTS ARE
9 MAINTAINED AS IS, OR ANOTHER LOCATION FOR OUTDOOR COURTS BE
10 INCLUDED IN THE REDESIGN OF LOMA ALTA PARK. THANK YOU VERY
11 MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, AND WE
14 CALL NANCY ANDERSON TO COME UP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **HESHAM RABG:** HI. MY NAME IS HESHAM RAGB. I'M A PEDIATRICIAN, I
17 ALSO LIVE IN WEST ALTADENA, AND I AM FREQUENT USER OF THE
18 PARK. MY WIFE, HOPE SMITH, WAS HERE, SHE HAD TO LEAVE. HER
19 FAMILY'S BEEN IN ROOTED IN ALTADENA FOR OVER 30 YEARS. SHE HAD
20 A STATEMENT, I'M JUST GOING TO READ A SHORT PARAGRAPH FROM IT.
21 "DEAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WITH THE LOCATION OF THE NEW GYM,
22 THERE ARE SOME CONCERNS REGARDING THE SAFETY AND SUPERVISION
23 OF OUR CHILDREN," AND I'LL JUST NAME ONE OF HER CONCERNS. WILL
24 THE OFFICE BE LOCATED IN SUCH A MANNER SO THAT ONE WOULD BE
25 ABLE TO SEE CHILDREN IN THE PLAY AREA FROM THE OFFICE? THEY



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1 NEED SUPERVISION. OF COURSE THE ANSWER RIGHT NOW IS "NO." I
2 JUST WANT TO SAY MYSELF, AS A AVID BASKETBALL PLAYER WHO
3 PLAYED COMPETITIVELY IN THE PAST AND STILL USE, I USE THE PARK
4 FREQUENTLY, THAT I AGREE WITH THE GENTLEMAN TO MY LEFT THAT
5 JUST STATED THAT WE NEED -- WE STILL NEED THE OUTDOOR COURTS.
6 WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE THE OUTDOOR COURTS AND GAIN A GYMNASIUM,
7 AND HERE ARE SOME OF THE REASONS WHY. CURRENTLY WITH THE
8 OUTDOOR COURTS, SOMEONE SUCH AS MYSELF AND OTHER WORKING
9 PEOPLE CAN COME PLAY WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE, RUB ELBOWS, GET
10 TO KNOW THEM, HAVE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THEM, WHICH IS
11 IMPORTANT IN OUR COMMUNITY, GIVEN, YOU KNOW, IF YOU CONSIDER
12 HOW YOU DESCRIBED HOW THE PARK USED TO BE. I CAN PLAY WITH MY
13 SON AND MY NEPHEWS. WHEN YOU BUILD A GYM, ALTHOUGH IT SOUNDS
14 GOOD AND IS NICE IT HAS RESTRICTED HOURS, SO THINGS BECOME
15 LIMITED. WITH TWO SPACIOUS OUTDOOR COURTS, CHILDREN OF
16 DIFFERENT AGES, YOUNG AND OLD PEOPLE CAN PLAY TOGETHER. WHEN
17 YOU HAVE A GYM WITH JUST -- WITH JUST ONE COURT, YOU TEND TO
18 HAVE PEOPLE WHO AS YOU STATED ARE PLAYING IN LEAGUES WHO ARE
19 THE BETTER BASKETBALL PLAYERS AND IT LEADS TO EXCLUSION OF
20 OTHER PEOPLE. WHAT WE'RE ASKING FOR IS RATHER QUITE SIMPLE. WE
21 DEFINITELY WANT A GYM, WE WANT A RECREATION FACILITY, BUT WE
22 DON'T WANT AN INFERIOR ONE. WE RECOGNIZE THE MONEYS ARE THERE
23 OR WERE THERE TO BUILD A NICE FACILITY, AND THAT'S ALL WE'RE
24 ASKING FOR, AND WE WANT IT IN THE PROPER LOCATION. TUCKING IT
25 AWAY ON THE EAST SIDE WHERE IT'S PRETTY MUCH OUT OF VIEW AND



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1 ENCROACHES ON A BASEBALL FIELD I THINK COULD LEAD TO PROBLEMS
2 IN TERMS OF SAFETY, YOU KNOW, FROM THE OTHER ANGLE IN TERMS OF
3 PEOPLE HANGING OUT, NOT BEING SEEN, AND THERE'S NOT GOING TO
4 BE MUCH OUTLET WHEN THE OUTDOOR COURTS ARE GONE. WE'D RATHER
5 SEE IT PLACED WHERE THE CURRENT BUILDINGS ARE WHICH ARE IN
6 POOR CONDITION WHICH WILL BE REMOVED AND AS HE HAD STATED
7 THERE'S NO PLAN TO BUILD ANYTHING OVER THAT AREA OR REPLACE
8 THE OUTDOOR COURTS. SO WE MERELY WANT WHAT US AS TAXPAYERS
9 HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO HEAVILY AND WILL CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE
10 FOR YEARS, A GOOD FACILITY, AND WE WANT IT IN THE PROPER
11 LOCATION WHERE THE CURRENT BUILDING IS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **MELANIE HARRICK:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR YOUR TIME. I
14 KNOW THAT YOU SPEND MANY HOURS HERE. MY NAME IS MELANIE
15 HARRICK, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY AS WELL,
16 A MOTHER OF ALMOST FOUR AND I'M ALSO A PEDIATRIC PHYSICAL
17 THERAPIST. AND I'M COMING TO YOU TO ALSO AGREE WITH WHAT THESE
18 OTHER INDIVIDUALS HAVE SAID. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THIS GYM, AS
19 HAS BEEN MENTIONED. HOWEVER, MY CONCERN AS A MOTHER AND AS A
20 PROFESSIONAL FOR CHILDREN IS THEIR SAFETY, AND YOU AS A BOARD
21 COULD INFLUENCE THE POSITION OF THIS GYM. WE DON'T WANT TO
22 DELAY THIS GYM BEING BUILT, WE WANT IT TO GO FORWARD AFTER
23 THIS MONTH, AFTER THIS -- AFTER THEY'VE FINISHED THE MELARUSE
24 AND AUDITING THAT SITUATION. BUT I WOULD COME TO YOU TODAY AND
25 SAY LOOK AT THE MAPS THAT YOU'VE BEEN GIVEN AND THE DIFFERENT



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1 GYM PROPOSALS AND LOOK AT WHERE WOULD BE THE SAFEST POSITION
2 FOR OUR CHILDREN. WE DO WANT OUR CHILDREN TO BE VIEWED. THE
3 LIABILITY THAT WOULD COME UPON US AS A COMMUNITY IF A CHILD
4 WERE TAKEN, IF A CHILD WERE HIT BY AN AUTOMOBILE IS JUST
5 INCONCEIVABLE. WE DO NOT WANT THAT TO HAPPEN. SO I WOULD COME
6 TO YOU TODAY PLEADING AS A MOTHER AND AS A PROFESSIONAL OF
7 CHILDREN THAT WE PUT THIS GYM IN THE RIGHT LOCATION AND AT A
8 TIMELY MANNER THAT WE START SOON. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD JUNE COWGILL AND
11 KEN BALDER PLEASE COME FORWARD? STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

12

13 **NANCY ANDERSON:** MY NAME IS NANCY ANDERSON. I'M A MEMBER OF THE
14 LOMA ALTA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME IN
15 LISTENING TO OUR POSITION. WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING FOR A BETTER
16 RECREATION FACILITY FOR SEVERAL YEARS. WE EVEN FOUND A MODEL
17 WE THOUGHT WAS AFFORDABLE. IT IS THE GRANADA HILLS MODEL. YOU
18 HAVE PICTURES OF IT IN YOUR PACKAGE. THE COST OF BUILDING THE
19 GRANADA HILLS MODEL TWO YEARS AGO WAS \$3 MILLION. THE TOTAL
20 PROJECT COST \$3,700,000. THE PROJECT WAS DONE BY THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.
22 MEANWHILE, WE HAVE HAD TWO YEARS OF AN INFLATION RATE OF ONE
23 TO 2%. WE ARE IN A RECESSION AND COMMERCIAL BUILDERS HAVE
24 STOPPED BUILDING DUE TO ALL THE VACANT SPACE. WE THOUGHT WITH
25 A BUDGET OF \$5 MILLION THAT THE GRANADA HILLS MODEL COULD BE



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1 DUPLICATED IN OUR PARK AND IN A LOCATION THAT WOULD NOT WIPE
2 OUT OUR COURTS, FIELDS, AND ENDANGER OUR KIDS. WE EVEN DID AN
3 OVERLAY OF WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE IN OUR PARK. WE HAVE
4 PROVIDED A PICTURE FOR YOU LABELED THE G-H MODEL AT LOMA ALTA
5 PARK. WE WERE WRONG. INSTEAD, WE HAVE A PRISON GYMNASIUM MODEL
6 WITH ATTACHMENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO. THE MONEY ALLOCATED FOR
7 THIS BUILDING IS \$2,600,000. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THERE
8 IS NO WAY THAT WE'LL EVER SEE THE GRANADA HILLS MODEL IN OUR
9 COMMUNITY. THE BUDGET IS 5 MILLION DOLLARS, WITH ALL THIS
10 MONEY, WE QUESTION WHY WE ARE STILL BEING GIVEN A PRISON GYM.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** TRACY SULLIVAN, PLEASE COME FORWARD. WOULD
14 YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, MISS COWGILL.

15

16 **JUNE COWGILL:** YES. THANK YOU FOR GIVING US AN OPPORTUNITY TO
17 SPEAK TODAY. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT. MY NAME IS JUNE
18 COWGILL. I AM AN ALTADENA RESIDENT AND I LIVE IN LA VINIA. OUR
19 SPECIAL TAX MONEY WAS USED TO GIVE THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY,
20 AND YOU WILL HEAR FROM THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY, THE AMOUNT OF
21 MONEY THAT WENT INTO THEIR PROJECT IS \$75,000, AND I WILL TELL
22 YOU, IT'S BEING USED VERY WELL. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL PLAN AND IT
23 WILL BE A TREMENDOUS ASSET TO OUR COMMUNITY. VERY GOOD USE OF
24 FUNDS. OUR SPECIAL TAX MONEY, WHICH IS THE MELARUSE THAT HAS
25 BEEN ALLUDED TO, WAS USED TO GET THE TRAILS IN THE AMOUNT OF



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1 \$184,000. THAT IS ALSO ANOTHER WONDERFUL USE OF OUR FUNDS, OUR
2 TRAILS ARE REALLY CRITICAL. OUR SPECIAL TAX MONEY WENT INTO
3 THE FACILITY THAT IS ABOUT TO BE BUILT IN THE AMOUNT OF
4 700,000. WHAT I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IS THE MISSING
5 MONEY. THERE'S ANOTHER 750,000 MISSING. THIS CONCERNED MR.
6 ANTONOVICH WHEN HE SAW THE MELARUSE GRAFT THAT WE PRESENTED TO
7 HIM. HE HAS CALLED FOR AN AUDIT OF THE MELARUSE. THERE IS A
8 TREMENDOUS BAG OF MONEY, 9 MILLION DOLLARS, THAT WE BELIEVE
9 HAS BEEN RAIDED BY BROOKFIELD HOMES. THE AUDIT IS TO BEGIN
10 TOMORROW. IT WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH. WE BELIEVE
11 THAT THIS ENTIRE PROJECT NEEDS TO MOVE FORWARD RAPIDLY. WE
12 ALSO BELIEVE THERE IS MISSING MONEY THAT COULD GO INTO THIS
13 FACILITY THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO HAVE A GRANADA HILLS MODEL IN
14 OUR PARK. I HAVE, FOR THE RECORD, A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE
15 LOMA ALTA COMMUNITY COMMITTEE, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT IT TO
16 YOU. BASICALLY IT SAYS, "WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO DELAY APPROVAL
17 FOR ONE MONTH ONLY UNTIL THE AUDIT IS COMPLETED. AT THE
18 CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT, PLEASE AMEND THE GYMNASIUM RECREATION
19 CENTER PROJECT ALONE TO INCLUDE THE FULL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF ANY
20 RECOVERABLE PARK IMPROVEMENT FUNDS. THAT 750,000 DOLLARS IS A
21 DIFFERENCE TO OUR COMMUNITY OF A PRISON GYM WITH WINGS AND THE
22 GRANADA HILLS MODEL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD, MR. BALDER, AND BOBBY
25 THOMPSON AND THEN TRACY SULLIVAN I'LL CALL NEXT.



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2 **KEN BALDER:** YES, KEN BALDER, CURRENT - KEN BALDER CURRENT
3 CHAIRMAN OF THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL, SERVING MY 6TH YEAR,
4 AND GREETINGS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND MADAM CHAIR. THE
5 ALTADENA COMMUNITY HAS BEEN DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF BUILDING
6 A GYMNASIUM IN LOMA ALTA PARK FOR THE PAST SEVEN OR EIGHT
7 YEARS. IT'S BEEN MOVED TO THE NORTH CORNER, THE SOUTH CORNER,
8 THE EAST CORNER AND THE WEST CORNER. IT IS A GOOD IDEA. IT
9 WILL BE AN ASSET TO THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY. IT'S WHAT THE
10 COMMUNITY DESIRES. ABOUT A YEAR AGO, A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE
11 CAME TO OUR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TO OBJECT TO SUCH A FACILITY,
12 PUBLICLY EXPRESSING FEARS OF INCREASED TRAFFIC, NOISE, AND
13 CONGREGATING YOUTH. THE FOLLOWING MONTHS SUPPORTERS OF THE
14 GYMNASIUM ATTENDED TO EXPRESS THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE FACILITY
15 THEY HAD BEEN PROMISED AND THE BENEFIT IT WOULD BE TO THE
16 YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY. THEN THE NEXT MONTH, THE OPPOSITION
17 CAME FORWARD STATING THAT THE GYMNASIUM IS A GOOD IDEA, BUT
18 ALAS, POOR ALTADENA IS BEING SOLD A POOR BILL OF GOODS, AND ON
19 THIS LACK LUSTER BARE BONES FACILITY WHICH THE COUNTY IS
20 FORCING DOWN OUR THROATS. ALTADENA DESERVES A BETTER GYM,
21 SIMILAR TO THE ONE IN GRANADA HILLS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
22 ALONG WITH THE HEAD OF THE -- NEW HEAD OF PARKS AND REC, MR.
23 TIM GALLAGHER MET WITH THE OPPONENTS, HEARING THEIR CONCERNS
24 ON THE QUALITY OF THE PROJECT. OUR REVIEW OF THE ENTIRE MATTER
25 WITH MR. GALLAGHER RESULTED IN THE DECISION TO INCREASE THE



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1 FUNDS FOR THE GYMNASIUM. THE PROJECT WOULD AFFORD A COMPLETELY
2 NEW FACILITY FOR THE PARK WITH OFFICES AND COMMUNITY ROOM. IN
3 THE LONG RUN, THIS WOULD BE MORE ECONOMICALLY WISE THAN TRY TO
4 REFURBISH THE AGING FACILITY. WE'RE ALL VERY HAPPY THANKING
5 THIS GROUP FOR THE EFFORTS IN OBTAINING ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT
6 WILL FINALLY BRING THE GYM TO LOMA ALTA. IN JULY OF LAST YEAR
7 THIS NEW CONCEPT WAS PRESENTED TO THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL
8 MEETING. THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL, COMPRISED OF 16 ELECTED
9 REPRESENTATIVES, TWO FROM EACH OF OUR EIGHT CENSUS TRACTS,
10 WITH A COMBINED EXPERIENCE OF SOME 81 YEARS, OR FIVE YEARS FOR
11 EACH REPRESENTATIVE, VOTED UNANIMOUSLY AFTER A MOTION MADE BY
12 THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CENSUS TRACT IN WHICH THE PARK IS
13 LOCATED. FOR THIS -- WE APPROVED THIS NEW PLAN, CONCEPT, THE
14 OUTLINE OF THE SIZE, THE LOCATION, AND THE AMENITIES. WE'RE
15 FINALLY GETTING A NEW FACILITY, MUCH BETTER THAN THE COMMUNITY
16 EVER IMAGINED. A COMMUNITY CONSENSUS WAS OBTAINED, AFTER
17 MONTHS OF TESTIMONY TO THE COUNCIL. SEVERAL QUIET MONTHS WENT
18 BY WHILE THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE BEGAN WORKING ON THE PLANS. THEN
19 A MEETING WAS HELD IN THE PARK BY THE OPPONENTS EXPLAINING TO
20 THE ATTENDEES AND SOME OF THE COMMUNITY THAT WITH THE HIGH
21 NUMBER OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS IN GROUP HOMES SURROUNDING
22 THE PARK IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO BUILD A GYM IN ITS PROPOSED
23 LOCATION AS PARK PERSONNEL WOULD BE UNABLE TO SUPERVISE
24 ADEQUATELY THE WHOLE PARK. IN ADDITION THE GROUP BEGAN THE
25 DELAYING TACT OF -- DELAYING TACTIC OF AUDITING THE COUNTY



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1 AUDITORS AS TO SOURCE OF FUNDS WITH ALLEGATIONS OF
2 IMPROPRIETARY AND MISAPPROPRIATION. IN MY VIEW, THIS SMALL
3 OPPOSITION GROUP IS MADE UP OF TWO PARTICULAR VIEWPOINTS. ONE
4 GROUP SEES LOMA ALTA PARK AS A USE PRIMARILY AS AN EQUESTRIAN
5 PARK AND DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE AN UNWANTED INTRUSION. THE OTHER
6 GROUP, LED BY RELATIVELY NEWCOMERS TO ALTADENA, FEEL SUCH A
7 FACILITY WOULD ATTRACT UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS, SUCH AS TRAFFIC
8 AND NOISE. WHAT'S BEST FOR ALTADENA? APPROVE THIS PROJECT
9 TODAY. ALTADENA HAS WAITED LONG ENOUGH, IT WILL BE AN ASSET TO
10 ALL OF US FOR MANY YEARS. DELAYS WILL ALLOW FUNDING TO
11 DISAPPEAR, THE GOAL OF THIS SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE. THANK YOU
12 VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TRACY SULLIVAN.

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16 **TRACY SULLIVAN:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, HONORABLE BOARD. I'M
17 HERE REPRESENTING AS PRESIDENT ALTADENA EQUESTRIAN RESOURCES.
18 THIS IS A COMMUNITY GROUP OF AN ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF OVER
19 500 EQUESTRIANS IN THE SAN GABRIEL FOOTHILL ALTADENA AREA. OUR
20 MISSION STATEMENT AND PRIMARY STATEMENT IS TO PRESERVE THE
21 RURAL AND EQUESTRIAN LIFE-STYLE THAT WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE
22 IN ALTADENA. AND AS THAT, I'M ADDRESSING THE ITEMS ASSOCIATED
23 WITH THIS AGENDA ITEMS THAT PERTAIN TO THE EQUESTRIAN PARK
24 FACILITY AND THE TRAILS. OUR GROUP DOES NOT HAVE A POSITION ON
25 THE GYMNASIUM, PER SE. THIS ITEM DOES CONTAIN FOR THE BOARD'S



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1 APPROVAL AS VERY MEANINGFUL GESTURE TO THE COMMUNITY, AN
2 ASPECT OF THE COMMUNITY THAT HAS BEEN LEFT OUT AND
3 MARGINALIZED FOR MORE THAN A DECADE, AND THAT IS THE HIKERS
4 AND EQUESTRIANS IN THE COMMUNITY. ALTADENA IS A VERY DIVERSE
5 COMMUNITY WITH HISTORIC ROOTS IN THE FOOTHILLS AND THE TRAILS
6 DATING BACK TO ABOLITIONIST, OWEN BROWN. THIS IS A COMMUNITY
7 THAT CURRENTLY HAS BEEN DENIED ACCESS TO OUR TRAILS AND
8 FOOTHILLS BY ENCROACHING DEVELOPMENT AND NEGLECT. THIS ITEM ON
9 THE AGENDA WOULD BE A FIRST STEP AT RELINKING AND
10 REESTABLISHING HISTORIC TRAILS TO THE COMMUNITY TO THE BENEFIT
11 OF ALL THE COMMUNITY AND THE FUTURE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY.
12 ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDING FOR
13 REFURBISHMENT OF THE EQUESTRIAN PARK LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN
14 PORTION OF LOMA ALTA PARK. THIS IMPROVEMENTS WOULD BRING THE
15 EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES UP TO PAR WITH OTHER COUNTY EQUESTRIAN
16 FACILITIES AND ALSO PROVIDE EQUESTRIANS AND HIKERS WITH A SAFE
17 LINK TO THE TRAILS. CURRENTLY THE SITUATION IS A VERY
18 DANGEROUS ONE WITH HORSES CROSSING ROADS AND BUSY
19 INTERSECTIONS AND THE GYMNASIUM WOULD ONLY INCREASE THAT
20 LIABILITY AND SAFETY CONCERNS. ADDITIONALLY, AS A PART OF THIS
21 AGENDA ITEM, THE COUNTY HAS BEFORE IT ANOTHER HISTORIC
22 OPPORTUNITY TO SET IN MOTION A VITAL LINK IN THE TRAIL SYSTEMS
23 TO LINK THE J.P.L. HA HOMUNGA BASIN WITH EATON CANYON
24 RECREATION PARK AND ONE CONTINUOUS TRAIL, THE RESTORATION OF
25 THE HISTORIC ALTADENA CREST TRAIL. THIS WOULD BE A VITAL LINK



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1 IN THE PUBLIC ACCESS AND TO THE OPEN SPACE AND THE BEAUTY OF
2 THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS THAT CURRENTLY IS NOT AVAILABLE TO
3 US. I WOULD JUST ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
4 AND HIS OFFICE AND THE C.A.O. FOR, FOR THE FIRST TIME STEPPING
5 UP AND ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS OF THE EQUESTRIANS AND HIKERS
6 IN HIS AREA IN AN ATTEMPT TO RECTIFY PROMISES THAT WERE MADE,
7 AS I SAID, OVER A DECADE AGO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD GREG MCPHEE AND RONALD
10 MATTHEWS, SR. PLEASE COME FORWARD? MR. THOMPSON.

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12 **BOBBY THOMPSON:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
13 MEMBERS, STAFF, AND THE PUBLIC. MY NAME IS BOBBY THOMPSON, AND
14 I'M A MEMBER OF THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL. I REPRESENT CENSUS
15 STRIKE 4610, WHICH IS ROUGHLY ABOUT ONE MILE SOUTH OF THE LOMA
16 ALTA GYM. I HAVE ALSO LIVED IN THE AREA FOR PRETTY CLOSE --
17 ABOUT 23 YEARS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR MIKE
18 ANTONOVICH. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK JUNE AND STAN AND THEIR
19 GROUP OF LOMA ALTA FOR DOING SUCH A OUTSTANDING JOB. BUT AS A
20 REPRESENTATIVE LISTENING TO MY CONSTITUENTS IN THE ALTADENA
21 AREA, EVERYONE WANTS A GYM. WHEN I SAY "EVERYONE," EVERYONE
22 THAT I TALK TO WANT A GYM AND THEY WANT A GYM NOW. AND LIKE I
23 SAID, I DO APPRECIATE THE CHECKING OF THE BUDGET, THE
24 RESURVEYING OF THE LAND, THE ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS, ALL



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1 OF THAT IS GOOD, BUT LIKE I SAID, PEOPLE IN MY CENSUS TRACT,
2 4610, THEY WANT A GYM AND THEY WANT A GYM NOW. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. MCPHEE?

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6 **GREG MCPHEE:** THANK YOU. GOOD DAY, CHAIR BURKE AND SUPERVISORS
7 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MY NAME IS GREG MCPHEE. I LIVE AT 3255
8 NORTH LINCOLN AVENUE. IT'S ACROSS THE STREET FROM LOMA ALTA
9 PARK. I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE AREA FOR APPROXIMATELY
10 EIGHT YEARS. I ALSO SERVE ON ALTADENA'S LAND USE COMMITTEE, A
11 SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL. DEAR SUPERVISORS,
12 LOMA ALTA PARK COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH
13 COUNTY STAFF FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS ON THE GYM ISSUE BEFORE
14 YOU TODAY. OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE LOMA ALTA COUNTY PARK
15 EVERYTHING IT SHOULD BE TO PERFORM ITS MISSION. THAT MISSION
16 IS TO SERVE THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD, INCLUDING THE AT-RISK
17 YOUTH IN ALTADENA'S NUMEROUS YOUTH GROUP HOMES. WE ARE
18 GRATIFIED THAT YOU'VE RESPONDED BY BUDGETING ADDITIONAL FUNDS
19 FOR THIS PROJECT. IT APPEARS THAT MORE FUNDS SHOULD HAVE BEEN
20 AVAILABLE FROM LAVINIA AND MELARUSE BOND ISSUES. THOSE FUNDS
21 WILL BE AUDITED BEGINNING TOMORROW. WE EXPECT THAT THEY WILL
22 BE SUFFICIENT TO PAY FOR WHATEVER IS NEEDED TO LOCATE THE GYM
23 ON THE SITE OF THE PRESENT RECREATION BUILDING. AS YOU WILL
24 HEAR FROM OTHERS TODAY. THAT IS THE ONLY SITE THAT MAKES SENSE
25 FROM A RECREATIONAL AND SAFETY STANDPOINT, AND IT WILL



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1 PRESERVE THE VERY POPULAR OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS AND FULL
2 SIZE BASEBALL FIELD. WE'VE COME A LONG WAY DOWN THE ROAD TO
3 MAKING OUR PARK A SHOW PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND FOR THE
4 WHOLE COMMUNITY. DON'T LET THE EFFORT END HERE. YOU HAVE THE
5 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE ALTADENA WITH A GYM THAT ALL OF US CAN
6 BE PROUD OF FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. PLEASE DO NOT PASS UP THAT
7 OPPORTUNITY. WE ASK YOU RESPECTFULLY TO CONTINUE THIS ISSUE
8 UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE AUDIT SO THAT WE MAY REALIZE THE
9 FULL POTENTIAL OF LOMA ALTA COUNTY PARK. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. MATTHEWS?

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13 **RONALD MATTHEWS SR.:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING. HELLO, BOARD,
14 CHAIRMAN BURKE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE OTHER
15 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RONALD KEITH MATTHEWS, SR., AND I HAVE
16 WORKED AND LIVED IN ALTADENA SINCE 1970. I ACTUALLY GREW UP IN
17 LOMA ALTA PARK, I WAS ONE OF THE FIRST KIDS TO SWIM IN THE
18 SWIMMING POOL WHEN THEY BUILT IT IN 1974, AND I'VE BEEN
19 PARTICIPATING IN ALL THE PARK'S ACTIVITIES SINCE I WAS A KID.
20 I HAVE FOUR CHILDREN WHO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PARK AND
21 PARTICIPATE IN THE PARK'S ACTIVITIES. AND I'M HERE AND
22 STRONGLY SUPPORT THE TOWN COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION TO MOVE
23 FORWARD WITH THE GYM. A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE SPOKE TODAY
24 WEREN'T AROUND WHEN IT WAS DECIDED TO BUILD THIS GYM AND A LOT
25 OF THEM DON'T KNOW WHY THIS GYM WAS DECIDED TO BE BUILT AT



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1 LOMA ALTA PARK. APPROXIMATELY 10 YEARS AGO, I PARTICIPATED IN
2 A TOWN HALL MEETING WITH SHERIFF, THEN SHERMAN BLOCK AND
3 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THIS TOWN HALL MEETING WAS IN
4 RESPONSE TO A YOUNG MAN WHO WAS KILLED, NAMED JUSTIN RICHARDS,
5 AND HE WAS KILLED BY A STRAY BULLET STEPPING OFF OF A SCHOOL
6 BUS. AND IN THAT MEETING, EVERYBODY FOUND OUT THAT THE COMMON
7 DENOMINATOR WITH THE PERSON WHO FIRED THE SHOT, THE PERSON WHO
8 WAS GETTING SHOT AT, AND THE YOUNG MAN, THE COMMON DENOMINATOR
9 WAS LOMA ALTA PARK. THE LITTLE KID PLAYED LITTLE LEAGUE
10 BASEBALL. THE YOUNG MAN WHO WAS RUNNING FROM THE BULLET PLAYED
11 BALL IN THE PARK, BASKETBALL, AND THE GUY WHO FIRED THE SHOT
12 GREW UP IN THAT PARK. SO EVERYBODY DECIDED THAT WE NEEDED TO
13 DO SOMETHING IN THAT PARK TO PREVENT SOMETHING LIKE THIS FROM
14 HAPPENING AGAIN, AND IT WAS AN IDEA OF A GYMNASIUM. NOW, THIS
15 WAS 10 YEARS AGO. WE HAVE BEEN THROUGH ALL KINDS OF PLANNING
16 PROCESSES TO GET TO THIS POINT. THERE'S BEEN NUMEROUS,
17 NUMEROUS, NUMEROUS MEETINGS OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND
18 NOW IT HAS CAME TO HAPPEN. WE CAN HAVE A GYM NOW. WE DON'T
19 HAVE A GANG PROBLEM NOW. WE JUST NEED A GYM. AND I URGE THE
20 BOARD TO PLEASE MOVE FORWARD WITH THE GYMNASIUM. YOUTH WHO ARE
21 PROVIDED WITH POSITIVE SPORTS PROGRAMS GO ON TO LIVE POSITIVE
22 AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES, AND I JUST URGE THAT WE GIVE THEM A
23 CHANCE TO DO THAT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE COMMUNITY WHO'S
24 HERE WHO HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB IN ALL THEIR RESEARCH AND
25 EVERYTHING, BUT IT JUST GOES ON AND ON AND ON. IT'S TIME TO



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1 MOVE FORWARD. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND HIS
2 STAFF FOR THE -- JUST DEALING WITH THE COMMUNITY ON THIS
3 ISSUE. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
6 OR MR. --

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS. RELATIVE TO
9 THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE RAISED BY THE COMMUNITY TODAY, ONE,
10 THE -- THERE WAS PHOTOGRAPHS THAT THEY PASSED OUT, ONE OF THE
11 GRANADA HILLS MODEL AND ONE OF THE PROPOSED THAT WE HAD
12 DESIGNED. OKAY, WHERE ARE WE TODAY IN WORKING TO DEVELOP
13 CONCEPTS OF ENHANCING SOME OF THE GRANADA HILLS AMENITIES WITH
14 THE PROPOSAL THAT WAS SUGGESTED AT THE TIME WHEN THIS DRAWING
15 WAS MADE?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THE PROPOSAL THAT YOU HAVE ON YOUR LEFT-HAND SIDE IS
18 A GYMNASIUM THAT WE BUILT AT PAMELA PARK AND JACKIE ROBINSON.
19 IT'S A TURNKEY DESIGN THAT ORIGINALLY WAS PROPOSED FOR LOMA
20 ALTA. WHEN THE COMMUNITY CAME TO US EXPRESSING A CONCERN OVER
21 THE DESIRE TO HAVE A GRANADA HILLS STYLE, WE TOOK A LOOK AT
22 THE FUNCTIONALITY OF HAVING A GYMNASIUM AND A COMMUNITY CENTER
23 PHYSICALLY SEPARATED, AND THAT'S WHERE WE CAME UP WITH THE
24 CONCEPT OF COMBINING THEM INTO ONE SITE, SIMILAR TO THE
25 GRANADA HILLS STYLE THAT YOU HAVE. WE'RE VERY SCHEMATIC AT



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1 THIS POINT WHEN WE HIRED THE ARCHITECT. THAT'S WHEN THE
2 DESIGN, SPECIFIC DESIGN STRUCTURE WILL BE LAID FORWARD WITH
3 THE GYMNASIUM COMMUNITY CENTER, AND WE'VE MADE A COMMITMENT TO
4 GO BACK TO THE TOWN COUNCIL FOR THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS AND
5 INPUT INTO THAT. SO WE'RE MOVING TOWARDS THE GRANADA HILLS
6 STYLE IN THE SENSE THAT THE GYMNASIUM, THE COMMUNITY CENTER
7 WILL BE JOINTLY LOCATED AND JOINEDLY SUPERVISED.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE EXTERIOR IS NOT LIKE THIS?

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11 **SPEAKER:** THE EXTERIOR TENTATIVELY IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT,
12 ALTHOUGH WE'VE INCORPORATED A SET BACK FROM THE ROAD FOR
13 ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPING AND TREES TO HELP BLOCK SOME OF THE
14 HEIGHT CONCERNS.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THERE'S A SET-BACK AND THERE'LL BE TREES
17 AND MORE LANDSCAPING.

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19 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE ISSUE OF BASEBALL DIAMONDS AND THE ISSUE
22 OF OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURTS, HOW WILL WE ADDRESS THOSE
23 CONCERNS?

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1 **SPEAKER:** THE BASEBALL DIAMOND IS UNAFFECTED BY THE CURRENT
2 PROPOSED LOCATION FOR THE GYMNASIUM COMMUNITY CENTER. THE
3 OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT IS BEING DISPLACED BY THE LOCATION OF
4 THE GYMNASIUM, BUT WHAT WE'RE DOING IS -- LET ME STEP BACK. WE
5 HAVE A COMMUNITY CENTER THAT WAS BUILT IN 1951 THAT'S IN NEED
6 OF MAJOR RENOVATIONS, MAY HAVE SOME HAZARDOUS MATERIALS,
7 HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING, STRUCTURAL DESIGNS. RATHER THAN
8 SINK MONEY INTO THAT AND HAVE TWO PHYSICALLY SEPARATED
9 LOCATIONS, WE'VE COMBINED THEM, AND PART OF THIS PROJECT IS TO
10 REMOVE THAT OLD COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING, AND WHAT WE SAID TO
11 THE TOWN COUNCIL IS WE WILL COME BACK TO YOU, WORK WITH YOU ON
12 WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE PUT IN THAT PLACE. WHAT I'M HEARING
13 TODAY IS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE OUTDOOR BASKETBALL
14 COURTS, SO WE WILL HAVE A LOCATION TO REPLICATE THE BASKETBALL
15 COURTS THAT ARE BEING DISPLAYED BY THE GYM, IF THAT'S WHAT THE
16 COMMUNITY DESIRES.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE COMMUNITY DESIRES THAT THE OUTDOOR
19 BASKETBALL COURTS THAT COULD BE ACCOMMODATED IN THAT LOCATION.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** CORRECT.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RELATIVE TO THE LOCATION OF THE FACILITY AND
24 THE SAFETY ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED, COULD YOU COMMENT ON THAT?

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1 **SPEAKER:** WELL, ONE OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS I HAD WHEN I FIRST
2 GOT INTO THE PROJECT ABOUT A YEAR AGO IS THAT WE WERE LOOKING
3 AT HAVING TWO SEPARATE BUILDING LOCATIONS IN A PARK THAT WOULD
4 REQUIRE DUPLICATION OF STAFF TO KEEP BOTH OF THEM OPEN AT THE
5 SAME TIME, AND THAT MADE NO SENSE TO ME, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT
6 THAT ONE OF THE FACILITIES NEEDED TO BE RENOVATED IN OVER A
7 MILLION-DOLLAR COST. SO WE ACTUALLY FUNCTIONALLY AND
8 OPERATIONALLY HAVE IMPROVED THE SAFETY BY HAVING A CENTRALLY-
9 LOCATED BUILDING THAT WILL BE BOTH THE COMMUNITY ROOM AND THE
10 GYMNASIUM THAT CAN BE SUPERVISED BY THE SAME STAFF. AS FAR AS
11 THE CONCERNS ABOUT PLAYGROUND, THE PLAYGROUND CONTINUES TO BE
12 CENTRALLY LOCATED IN THE PARK, IT WILL BE EQUAL DISTANCE FROM
13 THE SWIMMING POOL WHEN THAT'S OPEN AND THE GYMNASIUM OFFICE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE ISSUE OF THE AUDIT, MELARUSE FUNDS, WHEN
16 IS THAT TO BE COMPLETED AND IS IT APPROPRIATE TO MOVE FORWARD
17 PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE -- OF THAT AUDIT?

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19 **SPEAKER:** I CAN'T SPEAK TO WHEN THE AUDIT IS GOING TO BE
20 COMPLETED. I THINK JAN IS TRYING TO GET AN ANSWER NOW, BUT MY
21 RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE'VE GONE THROUGH QUITE A LONG PROCESS
22 WITH THIS GYMNASIUM COMMUNITY CENTER. AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE ADDED
23 MORE PROP 12 MONEYS, THANKS TO YOUR CONCURRENCE WITH THIS. WE
24 NOW HAVE A FACILITY THAT WILL MEET THE COMMUNITY NEEDS CLOSE
25 TO WHAT THEY WANT, IMPROVE OUR OPERATION AND SAFETY FACTOR,



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1 AND I THINK IT'S REALLY TIME TO GO SO WE CAN START SERVING
2 SOME OF THE YOUTH IN THE LOMA ALTA AREA. BUT AS FAR AS THE
3 TIMING OF THE AUDIT, I DON'T HAVE THAT ANSWER.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. SPELLMAN OR MR. JANSSEN?

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7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ON MELARUSE, 30 TO 45 DAYS.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE -- IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH THE
10 AUDIT, WILL THAT IMPACT THE DECISION, IF WE MADE A DECISION
11 TODAY?

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13 **SPEAKER:** AS I UNDERSTAND IT IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH THE
14 MELARUSE AUDIT, IT WILL NOT AFFECT THE FUNDING THAT IS BEING
15 PROPOSED FOR THIS GYMNASIUM SINCE THE MAJORITY OF THIS IS PROP
16 12.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT'S BEEN AROUND FOR A
19 WHILE, AS MR. MATTHEWS, RON, MENTIONED, GOING BACK TO SHERMAN
20 BLOCK AND IN MY OFFICE WE HELD A COMMUNITY MEETING AND
21 DISCUSSING SOME OF THE NEEDS FROM A TRAGIC INCIDENT THAT HAD
22 OCCURRED IN THE PAST THERE, AND WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND
23 THE ALTADENA COMMUNITY IS A WONDERFUL COMMUNITY AND THEY HAVE
24 A DIVERSITY OF OPINIONS AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES THEM VERY
25 UNIQUE, BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITY. BUT



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1 AS MR. BALDER OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HAS MENTIONED AND THE TOWN
2 COUNCIL IS MADE UP OF A DIVERSITY OF INDIVIDUALS AS WELL WITH
3 VERY STRONG OPINIONS ON ALL SIDES, THERE WERE MANY MEETINGS,
4 MANY PERSONAL MEETINGS, AND THEY CAME UP WITH A UNANIMOUS
5 POSITION TO SUPPORT THIS PROCESS, AND THIS RECOMMENDATION. AND
6 MR. GALLAGHER, I APPRECIATE PERSONALLY GOING OUT VISITING THE
7 LOCATION AND ALSO PERSONALLY VISITING WITH THE VARIOUS
8 CONSTITUENCIES WHO HAVE HAD DIFFERENT OPINIONS ON THIS
9 PROPOSAL BEFORE US. SO THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT'S HAD A LOT OF
10 PERSONAL ATTENTION AND -- BUT I WOULD LIKE TO READ THE MOTION
11 WITH 59, WHICH WOULD ALSO STATE THAT THE COUNTY AUDIT OF THE
12 LAVINIA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WHICH MY MOTION HAD ORDERED FOUND
13 A SHOCKING FACT THAT LESS THAN HALF OF THE CONDITIONS OF
14 APPROVAL FOR THE LAVINIA DEVELOPMENT WERE MET, AND THE
15 CONSTRUCTION OF THE GYMNASIUM WAS HALTED AND THAT THE
16 DEVELOPMENT FAILED TO PREVAIL -- TO DELIVER ON THE PROMISES IT
17 MADE TO THE COMMUNITY. THIS IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE AND THE
18 COUNTY IS NOW IN A PROCESS OF CHANGING THAT PROCESS WHERE WE
19 ARE HAVING PEOPLE IN CHARGE TO ENSURE THAT ALL YOUR C.U.P'S
20 ARE FULLY COMPLIED WITH, AND THE COUNTY, ON THIS ISSUE, IS
21 WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND THE DEVELOPER IN ADDRESSING
22 THESE FAILURES. THE PROPOSED GYMNASIUM AND EQUESTRIAN
23 IMPROVEMENTS AT LOMA ALTA PARK ARE VITAL FOR THE RESIDENTS IN
24 ALTADENA. WITH THE 5,500-SQUARE-FOOT COMMUNITY ROOM AND A
25 9500-SQUARE-FOOT GYMNASIUM, A STATE OF THE ART FACILITY WOULD



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1 OPTIMIZE PARK STAFF ACTIVITY ALLOWING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF
2 THE GYM AND COMMUNITY CENTER OPERATIONS FROM A SINGLE OFFICE.
3 THE GYM'S VARYING ROOF LINES WOULD SOFTEN THE VISUAL IMPACT TO
4 MEET CONCERNS RAISED BY THE COMMUNITY AND TO MEET COMMUNITY
5 STANDARDS. THE PROJECT ALSO INCLUDES A DRAMATIC RENOVATION,
6 EXPANSION OF THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES AT LOMA ALTA PARK AND A
7 REDESIGN AND EXPANSION OF THE TRAIL SYSTEM AT AND AROUND THE
8 PARK, AND WE HAD TESTIMONY FROM THE EQUESTRIAN COMMUNITY ON
9 THAT ISSUE. FENCING, LIGHTING, AND A RIDING RING AND A CORRAL
10 WOULD BE INSTALLED TO IMPROVE SAFETY, FUNCTIONALITY AND VISUAL
11 APPEAL. THE SUNSET RIDGE TRAIL WOULD BE RELOCATED AND IMPROVED
12 SO THAT EQUESTRIANS HAVE A SAFE MEANS OF ACCESSING THE CHANEY
13 TRAIL. FINALLY THE COUNTY WILL BE WORKING WITH THE LOCAL
14 EQUESTRIAN HIKING AND CONSERVANCY GROUPS TO REESTABLISH A
15 TRAIL SYSTEM SURROUNDING THE PARK AND EXTENDING EAST AND WEST
16 ACROSS ALTADENA. WORK OUGHT TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY ON THE
17 EQUESTRIAN-RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND TRAIL ACQUISITION. COUNTY
18 STAFF HAS INDICATED THAT A TRAIL EASEMENT IS REQUIRED ACROSS
19 COUNTY PROPERTY TO BE DEDICATED BY SOUTHWEST DIVERSIFIED AND
20 THE LAVINIA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION. THE COUNTY SHOULD
21 IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO SECURE THE EASEMENT FROM SOUTHWEST
22 DIVERSIFIED BEFORE THE PROPERTY IS TRANSFERRED. ADDITIONALLY,
23 REPORTS SHOULD BE GIVEN REGULARLY TO THE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE
24 COMMUNITY. SO I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE
25 RECOMMENDATIONS AND AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LOMA



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1 ALTA GYM AND EQUESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS AND FURTHER MOVE THAT THE
2 BOARD DIRECT THE C.A.O. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS AND REC TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN WORKING
4 WITH THE COMMUNITY TO REESTABLISH THE EAST/WEST TRAIL SYSTEM,
5 INCLUDING SECURING THE NECESSARY EASEMENTS.

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7 **SPEAKER:** IT'S BEEN SECONDED.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY
10 OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE MOTION IS APPROVED. WE WILL
11 NOW GO TO THE 11 O'CLOCK ITEM. I'D LIKE TO ASK THE DIRECTOR OF
12 HEALTH SERVICES AND THE SHERIFF TO COME FORWARD. I UNDERSTAND
13 THERE'S ONE PHYSICIAN WHO IS HERE WHO WANTS TO TESTIFY, AND WE
14 WILL BE CALLING YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WHILE THEY'RE COMING
15 UP, AND WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO'VE ASKED TO TESTIFY ON
16 THIS ITEM, I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE FOR THE NEXT MEETING, THERE
17 HAS BEEN -- ON FEBRUARY 8TH, 2003, A 8-YEAR-OLD BOY WAS SHOT
18 WHEN SHOTS WERE FIRED INTO A HOME AT 60TH AND MINLOW. AND HE
19 WAS KILLED, HIS TWO YEAR OLD BROTHER WAS WOUNDED, AS OTHER
20 MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY. AT THE NEXT MEETING, I WILL MOVE THAT
21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFER A REWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF
22 \$5,000 FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST AND CONVICTION OF
23 THE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS HEINOUS CRIME. ALL RIGHT.
24 THEN IF IT'S -- I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAD KEN INTRODUCE THIS
25 UNDER 61, AND SO I WILL SO MOVE. IS THERE A SECOND? MOVED AND



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1 SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ARE WE GOING TO HEAR
2 FROM, YES, FROM THE DEPARTMENT FIRST? OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO
3 START OFF AND THEN WE CAN CALL IN THERE --

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5 **CHUCK JACKSON:** IF YOU'D LIKE, SUPERVISOR, I'M CHUCK JACKSON,
6 COMMANDER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION, I'M HERE TO
7 REPRESENT THE CUSTODY SIDE OF THIS ISSUE. AND WITH ME IS DR.
8 JOHN CLARK, THE CHIEF PHYSICIAN FOR OUR MEDICAL SERVICES TO
9 ANSWER SOME OF YOUR CONCERNS. DR. CLARK?

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11 **DR. JOHN CLARK:** GOOD MORNING. FOR THE LAST 17 YEARS, I'VE
12 BEEN THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
13 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. RECENTLY ON JANUARY THE 29TH, YOU WERE
14 ADVISED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF A
15 SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM THAT WE ARE HAVING IN THE JAILS WITH
16 METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPH AUREUS. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL
17 MONTHS, WE HAVE BEEN DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE, WE'VE BEEN
18 WORKING WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SINCE JUNE OF LAST YEAR.
19 WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO BRIEFLY IS TO GIVE YOU A CHRONOLOGICAL
20 OVERVIEW OF WHAT TRANSPIRED WITH RESPECT TO THESE INFECTIONS
21 IN THE JAIL. IN SEPTEMBER OF 2001, WE BEGAN TO SEE OCCASIONAL
22 REPORTS OF INMATES PRESENTING WITH THE COMPLAINT OF SPIDER
23 BITES. THERE WERE PERHAPS A HANDFUL THAT WERE REPORTED TO US
24 AT THAT TIME. THOSE INDIVIDUALS WERE EVALUATED AND TREATED
25 APPROPRIATELY WITH ANTIBIOTICS, AND AS A RESULT OF THE FACT



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1 THAT WE WERE SEEING SPIDER BITES, WE WANTED TO ENSURE THAT OUR
2 TREATMENT APPROACH WAS SOMEWHAT STANDARD, AND TO THE EXTENT
3 POSSIBLE, WHEN WE DO HAVE CERTAIN CONDITIONS IN THE JAIL, WE
4 DO DEVELOP TREATMENT PROTOCOLS FOR THE PHYSICIAN. SO WE DID
5 DEVELOP A TREATMENT PROTOCOL AS WELL AS A BRIEFING FOR ALL OF
6 OUR MEDICAL STAFF WITH RESPECT TO THE CONCERNS ABOUT SPIDER
7 BITES. IT WAS IN DECEMBER OF 2001 THAT WE CONTINUED TO NOTICE
8 INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS FROM OUR INMATES WITH
9 RESPECT TO THEIR HAVING SPIDER BITES. AT OUR NORTH COUNTY
10 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, IN JANUARY, THERE WERE MANY REPORTS
11 THAT CAME TO US AT THAT TIME. OUR PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF AT THE
12 JAIL BEGAN TO WORK WITH CUSTODY IN TERMS OF INSPECTING THE
13 FACILITIES TO SEE IF WE COULD IDENTIFY IF, IN FACT, THESE WERE
14 SPIDERS OR SOME OTHER TYPE OF INSECTS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
15 WAS MOST FREQUENT IN THE TYPES OF BITES THAT WE WERE SEEING OR
16 THE TYPES OF WOUNDS WE WERE SEEING WERE THESE BITES, OR
17 LESIONS, APPEARED IN THE GROIN AREA AND IN THE LOWER
18 EXTREMITIES. FOR THAT REASON, THERE WAS A CONCERN THAT PERHAPS
19 THERE MAY BE SOME TYPE OF INFESTATION IN OUR LAUNDRY AT THE
20 NORTH FACILITY. SO OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, WE DID FOLLOW
21 THAT TRACK WITH RESPECT TO TRYING TO CONFIRM OR REFUTE THAT
22 THESE WERE INSECTS AND/OR SPIDERS. WE WORKED WITH CUSTODY
23 STAFF IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT APPROPRIATE FUMIGATION
24 MEASURES WERE IN PLACE. IN APRIL AND MAY, BECAUSE OF THE FACT
25 THAT WE HAD INSTITUTED A PROTOCOL WHICH REQUIRED THE



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1 PHYSICIANS TO DO CULTURES OF THE TYPE OF LESIONS THAT THEY
2 WERE SEEING, WE NOTICED THAT THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE
3 IN THE NUMBER OF CULTURES THAT WERE COMING BACK THAT WERE
4 M.R.S.A. POSITIVE. AT THAT TIME, I PERSONALLY NOTIFIED THE
5 DEPARTMENT COMMAND STAFF. I INDICATED TO THEM THE
6 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF AT THE JAIL AND I
7 HAD DEVELOPED AND I INDICATED THAT I CERTAINLY FELT THAT IT
8 WAS APPROPRIATE AND NECESSARY THAT WE CONSULT WITH THE HEALTH
9 DEPARTMENT AT THAT TIME IN TERMS OF GETTING ADDITIONAL INPUT
10 INTO THE THINGS THAT WE NEEDED TO DO TO CORRECT -- OR TO AT
11 LEAST TRY TO GET CONTROL OF THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM. AT THAT
12 PARTICULAR TIME, WHEN I BRIEFED THE COMMAND STAFF AS CHIEF
13 MEDICAL OFFICER, I DID NOT SPECIFICALLY MAKE A RECOMMENDATION
14 TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS MY FOCUS AT THAT POINT
15 IN TIME WAS TO TRY TO GET A HANDLE ON THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM.
16 I THINK AT THIS POINT I WILL DEFER TO DR. FIELDING, WHO HAS
17 PREPARED A STATEMENT THAT WILL KIND OF TIE ALL OF THIS
18 TOGETHER AND THEN CERTAINLY WE'LL BE HAPPY TO RESPOND TO ANY
19 QUESTIONS.

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21 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I'M JONATHAN
22 FIELDING, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH OFFICER. LET ME
23 GIVE YOU A LITTLE BACKGROUND. A STAPHYLOCCUS AUREUS IS A
24 UBIQUITOUS SKIN BACTERIA AND OFTEN REFERRED TO AS STAPH AND
25 IT'S FOUND ON 30 TO 50 PERCENT OF ADULTS AT ANY ONE TIME. IT



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1 PRIMARILY CAUSES SKIN INFECTION, BOILS, PIMPLES OR ABCESSES
2 ALTHOUGH SOMETIMES IT CAN CAUSE MORE SERIOUS INFECTIONS WHEN
3 IT GETS INTO THE BLOOD. METHACILLIN RESISTANT STAPHYLOCCUS
4 AUREUS OR M.R.S.A. IS A STRAIN THAT HAS DEVELOPED RESISTANCE
5 TO A FAMILY OF ANTIBIOTICS INCLUDING PENCILLIN
6 ENCEPHALOSPORINS WHICH ARE COMMONLY USED TO TREAT SKIN
7 INFECTIONS. M.R.S.A. IS PRIMARILY SPREAD SKIN-TO-SKIN THOUGH
8 IT CAN BE ALSO SPREAD BY CONTAMINATED EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL
9 ITEMS SUCH AS LAUNDRY. M.R.S.A. IS COMMON IN HEALTH CARE
10 FACILITIES BUT MORE RECENT OUTBREAKS HAVE BEEN SEEN IN
11 COMMUNITY SETTINGS SUCH AS ATHLETIC TEAMS AND CORRECTIONAL
12 FACILITIES. WE'VE BEEN INVESTIGATING OUTBREAKS OF M.R.S.A. IN
13 HOSPITALS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SINCE THE 70S AND IN NURSING
14 HOMES SINCE THE 80S. IN JUNE 2002 THE COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
15 CONTROL UNIT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WAS NOTIFIED AN INCREASED NUMBER
16 OF M.R.S.A WOUND INFECTION AMONG INMATES AT THE COUNTY JAIL.
17 THEY HAD NOTED INCREASE IN FEBRUARY BUT THE INCREASE HAD BEEN
18 ATTRIBUTED TO SPIDER BITES. EXCUSE ME. NO BITING SPIDERS WERE
19 CAPTURED BUT ACCORDING TO JAIL PERSONNEL PESTICIDES WERE
20 APPLIED. WE REQUESTED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NUMBER OF
21 INMATES, THE GENDER, THE AGE, THE LOCATION OF THE INMATE AT
22 THE TIME OF THE POSITIVE CULTURE, THE DATE OF THE CULTURE AND
23 THE ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANT PATTERN OF EACH CULTURE. BASED ON
24 REVIEW OF THE EPIDEMIOLOGIC DATA FROM FEBRUARY TO JULY 2002
25 AND CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND



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1 PREVENTION THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THE
2 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
3 OF HUMAN RESOURCES WHOSE PRISONS HAD EXPERIENCED THIS PROBLEM,
4 WE MADE A RECOMMENDATION AND PROVIDED THOSE TO THE SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT ON AUGUST 7TH. THE RECOMMENDATION INCLUDED
6 SURVEILLANCE FOR SKIN INFECTIONS AND NEW INMATES, APPROPRIATE
7 WOUND CARE AND ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT OF SKIN INFECTIONS,
8 INCREASING THE FREQUENCY OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING, SHOWERS
9 AND CLEAN LAUNDRY, REDUCING THE MOVEMENT OF INFECTED INMATES
10 AND EDUCATION OF INMATES AND STAFF. A SUMMARY OF THE
11 RECOMMENDATIONS IS PROVIDED IN ATTACHMENT A. TO THE STATEMENT
12 THAT I'VE PROVIDED TO YOU. FROM AUGUST UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME
13 WE'VE CONTINUED TO WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ON THIS.
14 WE REVIEW MONTHLY DATA ABOUT THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF
15 M.R.S.A. CULTURES IN THE JAIL, WE FOLLOW TRENDS IN ANTIBIOTIC
16 RESISTANCE AND WE ANALYZE DATA TO DETERMINE HOW MANY INMATES
17 ENTERING THE JAIL HAVE M.R.S.A. INFECTIONS WE'RE ALSO
18 REVIEWING CHARTS OF THE INMATES WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED WITH
19 M.R.S.A. AT L.A.C.U.S.C. TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE SEVERITY OF
20 THESE INFECTIONS. THERE WERE ROUGHLY I THINK 67 INMATES HAD
21 M.R.S.A. WOUND OR BLOOD CULTURES WHO WERE ON THE HOSPITAL JAIL
22 WARD IN 2002. OVERALL, BASED ON OUR ANALYSIS FOR 2002, 920
23 INMATES WERE DIAGNOSED WITH M.R.S.A. WOUND INFECTIONS. 87% OF
24 THESE WERE MEN. THEY CAME FROM ALL OF THE FACILITIES. THE
25 NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME M.R.S.A. WOUND INFECTIONS VARIED FROM A



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1 LOW OF 54 CASES IN JANUARY 2002 TO A HIGH OF 114 CASES IN
2 OCTOBER, AS INDICATED IN FIGURE ONE. SIGNIFICANTLY ABOUT 9% OF
3 THE WOUND INFECTIONS OCCURRED WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF AN INMATE
4 BEING ADMITTED TO A JAIL, SUGGESTING THAT THEY MAY HAVE BECOME
5 INFECTED BEFORE THEY HAD WENT TO THE JAIL. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT
6 THE 67 INMATES WHO WERE IN THE HOSPITAL JAIL WARD WITH
7 M.R.S.A. A REVIEW OF 39 CHARTS REVEALED THAT ALL HAD THESE
8 WOUND INFECTIONS BUT TEN LATER HAD INVASIVE DISEASE INCLUDING
9 BLOOD, BONE AND HEART VALVE INFECTION. THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF
10 STAY WAS 13 DAYS. ANALYSIS OF BLOOD AND WOUND CULTURES FROM
11 THE JAIL WARD AND THE HOSPITAL SHOW THAT M.R.S.A. WAS UNCOMMON
12 IN 1998 BUT INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY IN 2001. I'VE GIVEN YOU A
13 FIGURE SHOWING THAT. STAFF FROM OUR PROGRAMS HAVE MADE
14 MULTIPLE PRESENTATION AT THE JAIL, WE'VE GIVEN GRAND ROUNDS TO
15 THE MEDICAL STAFF, WE'VE PRESENTED TO THE COMMANDERS,
16 CAPTAINS, DEPUTIES, NURSES, MICROBIOLOGISTS AND OTHERS ABOUT
17 THE OUTBREAK AND OUR CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS. THE SHERIFF'S
18 DEPARTMENT IS WORKING WITH US ON AN M.R.S.A. TASKFORCE TO
19 BETTER IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS. THE PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF
20 HAVE ALSO BEEN INVESTIGATING AN OUTBREAK OF M.R.S.A. IN MEN
21 WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN. ON NOVEMBER 22ND LAST YEAR PHYSICIANS
22 FROM TWO LARGE INFECTIOUS DISEASE CLINICAL PRACTICES NOTIFIED
23 US OF INCREASED NUMBERS IN M.R.S.A. SKIN INFECTIONS AMONG
24 PREDOMINANTLY HIV POSITIVE MSNS. TO ADDRESS THE CONCERN OF
25 M.R.S.A INFECTIONS AMONG MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN WE HAVE



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1 INCREASED SURVEILLANCE IN SELECTED INFECTIOUS DISEASE CLINICS
2 AND HAVE BEGUN A STUDY OF RISK FACTORS FOR INFECTION AMONG
3 THIS POPULATION. RECENTLY M.R.S.A. CULTURES FROM THE JAIL HAVE
4 BEEN SUBMITTED FOR MOLECULAR FINGERPRINTING AND HAVE BEEN
5 FOUND TO HAVE THE SAME MOLECULAR FINGERPRINT AS THE MSM
6 INVESTIGATIONS AND THE TWO OTHER CLOSED OUTBREAKS, THE
7 ATHLETIC TEAM AND THE NEWBORN NURSERY; HOWEVER WE DON'T KNOW
8 IF ANY OF THESE OUTBREAKS ARE DIRECTLY LINKED. THIS MOLECULAR
9 FINGERPRINT IS CONSISTENT WITH THAT OF OTHER M.R.S.A.
10 COMMUNITY OUTBREAKS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. ISOLATES
11 FROM ALL OF THESE HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE C.D.C. TO FURTHER
12 CHARACTERIZE THEIR VIRULENCE FACTOR AND TOXINS BECAUSE THIS
13 APPEARS TO BE QUITE A NASTY BUG. CONTROL OF M.R.S.A. IN THE
14 JAILS WILL NOT BE EASY FOR SEVERAL REASONS. SOME INMATES COME
15 IN WITH THE INFECTION AND MAY NOT BE IDENTIFIED BEFORE THEY
16 SPREAD THE DISEASE. THERE IS RAPID MOVEMENT OF THE INMATES
17 THROUGHOUT JAIL FACILITIES. CLOSE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE
18 JAILS FACILITATE TRANSMISSION OF MANY DISEASES, INCLUDING
19 MENINGOCOCCAL, PNEUMOCOCCAL, SCABIES AND M.R.S.A. FINALLY SOME
20 MAY LEAVE THE JAIL WITHOUT HAVING FINISHED THEIR WOUND
21 TREATMENT. SEVERAL OTHER JAILS AND PRISON SYSTEMS HAVE HAD
22 OUTBREAKS OF M.R.S.A, INCLUDING SAN FRANCISCO, SAN DIEGO,
23 TEXAS, GEORGIA, MISSISSIPPI AND TENNESSEE. THEIR EXPERIENCE
24 SHOW THE CONTROL OF M.R.S.A. REQUIRES CONCERTED EFFORTS OF
25 MANY PART OF THE JAIL SYSTEM. FACILITIES THAT HAVE BEEN



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1 SUCCESSFUL IN CONTROLLING IT ARE PRISONS WHERE THE POPULATION
2 IS MUCH MORE STABLE. IT IS HARDER TO CONTROL A PERSON-TO-
3 PERSON SPREAD DISEASE IN A POPULATION WITH HIGH TURNOVER.
4 SUFFICIENT TREATMENT ALONE WILL NOT IN FACT CONTROL THIS.
5 SURVEILLANCE AND TREATMENT FOR SKIN INFECTIONS MUST START WHEN
6 PEOPLE ARE FIRST ADMITTED TO THE JAIL, PREVENTION OF SKIN
7 INFECTION DEPENDS ON INMATE EDUCATION AND DAILY ACCESS TO
8 SHOWERS AND SOAP AND INCREASING FREQUENCY OF CLEAN LAUNDRY.
9 DORMS AND CELLS NEED TO BE CLEANED DAILY, ESPECIALLY WHEN
10 CASES OF M.R.S.A. HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED IN THAT AREA. ITEMS
11 THAT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO M.R.S.A. THAT CAN'T BE WASHED SUCH
12 AS TORN MATTRESSES SHOULD BE THROWN OUT. INMATES UNDERGOING
13 TREATMENT FOR M.R.S.A. SHOULD NOT BE MOVED FROM FACILITY TO
14 FACILITY. AND CONTINUING EDUCATION OF MEDICAL AND CUSTODY
15 STAFF AND FACILITATING CONTROL MEASURES IS NEEDED. FINALLY
16 IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE A PLAN FOR DISCHARGING INMATES WITH
17 ACTIVE M.S.R.A. INFECTIONS TO BE SURE THAT THEY HAVE
18 APPROPRIATE MEDICAL CARE WHEN THEY LEAVE THE JAIL. INADEQUATE
19 TREATMENT REALLY PERPETUATES AND HELPS THIS DISEASE SPREAD.
20 THE M.R.S.A. TASKFORCE HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO ALL THESE ISSUES.
21 DESPITE ALL THESE INTERVENTIONS IT MAY NOT BE -- WE MAY NOT BE
22 ABLE COLLECTIVELY TO COMPLETELY ERADICATE M.R.S.A. FROM THE
23 JAILS BECAUSE WE'RE STILL GOING TO HAVE PEOPLE COMING IN WITH
24 SKIN INFECTION. THERE'S A LOT OF TURNOVER AND IT IS NOT COST-
25 EFFECTIVE TO TRY AND SCREEN PEOPLE BECAUSE 30 TO 50% OF THE



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1 POPULATION HAVE THIS ON THEM YOU'D HAVE TO SCREEN IN MANY,
2 MANY DIFFERENT PLACES. WHAT'S NEEDED IS AN INCREASED
3 VIGILANCE, QUICKLY TREATING THEM, AND MAKING SURE THEY COVER
4 THEIR WOUNDS, ACCESS TO SHOWERS ON A DAILY BASIS AND CLEAN
5 LAUNDRY, ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING AND CONTINUED EDUCATION OF
6 STAFF AND INMATES. TO HELP ASSURE EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF
7 POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL OUTBREAKS OTHER THAN IN HEALTH CARE
8 FACILITIES, WE'RE UNDERTAKING A PHYSICIAN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN
9 ON DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF M.R.S.A. AND WE'RE ASKING
10 PHYSICIANS IN THE COMMUNITY TO REPORT ANY CLUSTER TO US. WE'RE
11 SPECIFICALLY TARGETING THOSE WHO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL POPULATIONS
12 OF MSM BUT ALSO SENDING OUT A BROADER ALERT TO ALL PHYSICIANS
13 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WILL BE HAPPY TO
14 ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ARE THERE QUESTIONS?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, NUMBER ONE, ON THIS PARTICULAR
19 SPECIFIC ISSUE, CAN YOU KEEP US INFORMED ON A BI-WEEKLY BASIS
20 AT LEAST AND MORE OFTEN IF THE NEED ARISES? I WANTED TO ASK
21 YOU ANOTHER QUESTION, SINCE YOU'RE HERE AND IT'S TANGENTIALLY
22 RELATED IT'S NOT DIRECTLY RELATED BUT I RECEIVED THE
23 STATISTICS ON SYPHILIS FROM YOUR DIVISION AND THE SEXUALLY
24 TRANSMITTED DISEASE PROGRAM AND I WAS QUITE ALARMED AT THE
25 INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS OF SYPHILIS REPORTED



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1 BETWEEN LAST YEAR -- BETWEEN 2001 AND 2002. AND IF MY NUMBERS
2 ARE CORRECT AND I THINK THEY ARE BECAUSE THEY ARE YOUR
3 NUMBERS, THEY'VE GONE FROM 347 CASES IN 2001 TO 507 IN 2002
4 AND PRIOR TO THAT, 2000 WAS 337, SO IT WAS INCREMENTALLY
5 INCREASING AND IT IS A HUGE JUMP LAST YEAR. IN THE HOLLYWOOD
6 WILSHIRE AREA IT MORE THAN DOUBLED FROM ONE YEAR TO THE NEXT.
7 WE'VE HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS AT THE BOARD LEVEL HERE ABOUT THE
8 INCIDENTS OF SYPHILIS AND WHAT WE'RE DOING ABOUT IT IN TERM OF
9 EDUCATION AND INTERVENTION, ALL THE AVAILABLE TECHNIQUES THAT
10 WE HAVE. NUMBER ONE, COULD YOU ADDRESS THE DRAMATIC INCREASE
11 THAT WE'VE WITNESSED IN THE LAST YEAR AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING
12 ABOUT IT?

13

14 **DR. FIELDING:** DESPITE ALL OUR EFFORTS AT CONTROL -- AND I'LL
15 REVIEW THOSE BRIEFLY -- WE HAVE SEEN A LARGE INCREASE. THIS IS
16 CERTAINLY NOT UNDER CONTROL. THE OUTBREAK IS ENDEMIC IN MEN
17 WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN AT A TIME WHEN SYPHILIS IN OTHER HIGH
18 RISK POPULATIONS HAS BEEN GOING DOWN SO THAT RIGHT NOW THAT
19 PERCENTAGE IN MSM IS ABOUT 70% OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SYPHILIS
20 CASES WE'RE SEEING. BASED ON DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD WE'VE
21 UNDERTAKEN A NUMBER OF THINGS, INCREASED SCREENING IN
22 COMMUNITY VENUES, USING MOBILE CLINIC UNITS. WE'VE -- WORKING
23 WITH THE ADULT INDUSTRY MEDICAL IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STD
24 PROGRAM AT SOME OF COMMERCIAL SEX VENUES TO GET SCREENING,
25 WE'VE BEEN DOING MORE IN THE H.I.V. EPIDEMIOLOGIC PROGRAM TO



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1 TRY AND CHARACTERIZE THIS, WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH A.I.D.S.
2 HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION, E.P.L.A. BASED ON MONEY THAT THE BOARD
3 AUTHORIZED US TO HAVE, BOTH INCREASED SCREENING TO PROVIDE
4 PREVENTION ADVOCATES AND LIAISON BETWEEN US AND COMMERCIAL SEX
5 VENUE, UNDERTAKING A PEER TO PEER PROGRAM TO TRY AND ADVOCATE
6 SAFER SEX NORMS. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH LATINO SYPHILIS
7 WORKING GROUP, PARTICULARLY FOR AGENCIES SERVING LATINO MSM'S
8 AND WE'VE BEEN DISTRIBUTING OUR INFORMATION TO ALL PHYSICIANS,
9 PARTICULARLY THOSE IN HIGH-RISK AREAS AND MAKING IT EASIER FOR
10 THEM TO GET PAID FOR SYPHILIS TESTING IN PRIVATE PRACTICE,
11 THOSE WHO HAVE SUBSTANTIAL MSM POPULATIONS. WE HAD A CONTRACT
12 WITH A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION TO COORDINATE AND
13 IMPLEMENT A TARGETED PREVENTION MEDIA CAMPAIGN, AND WE'VE BEEN
14 DOING SUBSTANTIAL OUTREACH. HOWEVER, DESPITE ALL THOSE EFFORTS
15 WE CONTINUE TO HAVE A PROBLEM THAT IS NOT CONTROLLED. I HAVE
16 TALKED TO A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING PEOPLE WITHIN THAT
17 COMMUNITY AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS IN ADDITION THAT WE
18 THINK SHOULD BE DONE. WE HAVE TO INTENSIFY OUR EFFORTS WITH
19 THE BATHHOUSES TO PROMOTE SAFER SEX AND I'LL BE MEETING WITH
20 THEM AND TRYING TO PUSH THAT. HOWEVER I WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT
21 WE HAVE AN INCREASING PERCENTAGE OF THOSE WHO ARE HAVING SEX
22 BASED ON CONTACTS THROUGH THE INTERNET. SO WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
23 CHALLENGES. NUMBER TWO, WE'RE GOING TO LOOK INTO A PARTNERSHIP
24 WITH ONE OR MORE CITIES, HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER WITH THEM TO
25 MAKE SURE THERE ARE MORE HEALTH EDUCATION MESSAGES, MORE



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1 CONDOMS AVAILABLE IN PLACES WHERE IT MIGHT BE PICK-UP BARS,
2 CONTINUED TESTING AND TREATMENT AND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE --
3 WE'VE HAD FRANKLY A LOW YIELD FROM OUR TESTING. THAT MAY BE
4 BECAUSE THE ONES WHO WERE TESTING MAY BE, QUOTE, THE WORRIED
5 WELL RATHER THAN THOSE THAT ARE HAVING A LARGE NUMBER OF
6 PARTNERS AND ARE HIGH AT RISK. WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE WAYS TO
7 TRY AND SEE IF WE CAN TRY AND IDENTIFY THOSE AT HIGHEST RISK
8 BOTH THROUGH OUR OWN EFFORTS AND THOSE OF OUR COMMUNITY
9 PARTNERS. BUT I THINK THAT A CENTRAL ELEMENT OF CONTROL
10 EFFORTS REALLY NEEDS TO BE A COMMITMENT BY THE LEADERS OF THE
11 GAY COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN TRYING TO CHANGE
12 BEHAVIORAL NORMS BECAUSE WE HAVE CIRCUMSTANTIAL DATA THAT I
13 THINK TOGETHER IS DISTURBING, SHOWING AN INCREASE IN UNSAFE
14 SEX. SOME DATA SUGGESTING AN INCREASE IN NUMBER OF PARTNERS,
15 BASED ON SOME OF OUR H.I.V. EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK AND SOME DATA
16 SUGGESTING AN INCREASE IN UNPROTECTED SEX. SO THERE HAS TO BE
17 AN EFFORT TO TRY AND CHANGE NORMS. WE'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK,
18 TRYING TO FOCUS IN OUR H.I.V. PREVENTION WORK BECAUSE WE KNOW
19 SYPHILIS INCREASES THE RISK OF H.I.V. AND VICE VERSA IN TERMS
20 OF POTENTIATION OF COMMUNICATION, BUT WE HAVE TO CONCENTRATE
21 MORE ON THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE H.I.V. AND ABOUT 57% OF THOSE
22 WITH SYPHILIS HAVE ALSO H.I.V. AND THOSE WITH SYPHILIS AS WELL
23 WHO DON'T HAVE H.I.V. TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE IN THEIR OWN
24 SEXUAL BEHAVIOR. AND I THINK IN THE ABSENCE OF CHANGES IN
25 BEHAVIOR IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO FULLY ERADICATE THIS



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1 PROBLEM BUT WE NEED TO REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS AND TO THAT END
2 I'M GOING TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY GROUP ON GAY, LESBIAN AND
3 TRANSGENDER HEALTH TO TRY AND HELP CONTINUE TO REFINE OUR
4 STRATEGIES.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ASK YOU, IS THE SAME FACTORS THAT
7 WOULD RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN SYPHILIS WOULD BE THE SAME
8 FACTORS -- CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG -- THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE
9 SAME KIND OF UNPROTECTED SEX THAT WOULD RESULT IN AN INCREASE
10 IN H.I.V., WOULD IT NOT?

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12 **DR. FIELDING:** YES EXACTLY.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE WE SEEING A CONCOMITANT INCREASE IN
15 H.I.V?

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17 **DR. FIELDING:** I WISH WE KNEW SUPERVISOR, WE DON'T HAVE
18 SUFFICIENT REPORTING OF NEW INCIDENT H.I.V. INFECTIONS TO BE
19 SURE, THE NUMBERS WE'RE SEEING HAVE BEEN ROUGHLY STABLE. SOME
20 OF THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS I'VE TALKED TO SUGGESTED THAT
21 THERE'S BEEN AN INCREASE, OTHERS SAY IT'S ABOUT THE SAME. WE
22 DON'T HAVE THE KIND OF REPORTING THAT MAKES SURE THAT AS SOON
23 AS SOMEBODY IS DIAGNOSED THAT IT IS REPORTED. WE DO HAVE A
24 UNIQUE IDENTIFYING REPORTING SYSTEM, WHICH IS GOING TO TAKE



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1 SEVERAL YEARS TO BE FULLY FUNCTIONAL. SO I'M NOT ABLE TO
2 ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, YOU HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF EVEN A
5 COMPARISON BETWEEN -- OF THE CASES YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS YEAR
6 VERSUS THE CASES YOU KNEW ABOUT LAST YEAR AND THE YEAR BEFORE?

7

8 **DR. FIELDING:** THAT'S BEEN ROUGHLY, ROUGHLY THE SAME. BUT AGAIN
9 WE DON'T GET -- THE QUESTION IS REALLY HOW MANY NEW INFECTIONS
10 WE HAVE THIS YEAR VERSUS NEW INFECTIONS AND IF WE, IN SOME
11 CASES IT'S CATCH-UP, NOW THAT REPORTING IS REQUIRED WE'RE
12 TRYING TO GET REPORTING SO WE DON'T KNOW IN SOME CASES HOW
13 LONG PEOPLE HAVE HAD IT. IN SOME CASES PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
14 ANONYMOUSLY DIAGNOSED, EVEN IF WE TOOK THE FIRST TIME THEY GO
15 TO A PROVIDER, IT MAY BE SIGNIFICANTLY AFTER THEY KNOW THEY
16 HAVE H.I.V. SO WE DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER TO THAT, SUPERVISOR.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU -- IN TERMS OF THE BATHHOUSES, ARE
19 YOU FINDING A LACK OF COOPERATION THERE OR JUST LACK OF
20 ENGAGEMENT, A LITTLE MORE ENGAGEMENT IS NECESSARY WITH THE
21 MENTORING?

22

23 **DR. FIELDING:** I WOULD SAY IT'S VARIED. SOME HAVE BEEN
24 COOPERATIVE WITH THEIR TESTING, SOME HAVE BEEN LESS
25 COOPERATIVE. I THINK THE HEALTH MESSAGES INSIDE, THE



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1 AVAILABILITY OF CONDOMS VARIES. IT'S IN EVERY BATHHOUSE, AS
2 FAR AS I KNOW AND WE -- THERE HAVE BEEN INSPECTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS IN EVERY BATHHOUSE?

5

6 **DR. FIELDING:** CONDOMS. ARE THEY AT PLACES WHERE PEOPLE ARE
7 HAVING SEX WITHIN THAT BATHHOUSE, THOSE KIND OF ISSUES.
8 THERE'S CERTAINLY A LOT OF ANONYMOUS SEX STILL GOING ON
9 WITHOUT CONDOMS IN BATHHOUSES AND IN OTHER CIRCUIT PARTIES AND
10 THINGS THAT PEOPLE ARRANGE VIA THE INTERNET, WHICH IS, OF
11 COURSE, EVEN LESS AMENABLE TO OUR INTERVENTIONS. THIS IS THE
12 SAME PROBLEM BEING SEEN IN A BUNCH OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS. IN
13 FACT THE C.D.C. HAS JUST GOTTEN EIGHT OR NINE JURISDICTIONS
14 THAT HAVE SEEN THIS PROBLEM GROW.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE PROBLEM BEING SYPHILIS -- [MIXED VOICES
17].

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19 **DR. FIELDING:** SYPHILIS SORRY, THE SYPHILIS PROBLEM, AND
20 THEY'RE TRYING TO GET US TO WORK TOGETHER.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THESE AREAS ARE AROUND THE COUNTRY?

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24 **DR. FIELDING:** AROUND THE COUNTRY YEAH, THEY'RE FROM SAN
25 FRANCISCO TO ATLANTA, TO NEW YORK TO BALTIMORE TO, I FORGET,



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1 HOUSTON, I DON'T HAVE ALL THE NAMES BUT YEAH THIS PHENOMENON
2 IN SEATTLE HAS BEEN SEEN IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT PLACES. SO WE
3 SEE IT AS SYMPTOMATIC OF WHAT'S GOING ON ELSEWHERE AND THE
4 OTHER PLACES ARE NOT HAVING SUCCESS IN CONTROLLING IT EITHER.
5 BUT THAT'S NO EXCUSE. WE NEED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO TRY
6 AND GET A BETTER HANDLE ON THIS.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME
9 PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND I'M GOING TO STOP RIGHT SO.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS ASKED TO ASK A
12 QUESTION.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT TO CONCLUDE BY ASKING JONATHAN
15 TO CONTINUE TO KEEP US POSTED ON BOTH ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN
16 RAISED. I THINK IT'S ON -- ON THE SYPHILIS ISSUE, THIS IS THE
17 SINGLE-LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN A SINGLE YEAR THAT I CAN
18 RECALL. AND -- AND I WOULD -- YEAH, AND SINCE WE'VE BEEN
19 TALKING ABOUT THIS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS AND I THINK
20 THIS IS ALARMING NOT JUST ON THE SYPHILIS FRONT BUT BECAUSE OF
21 THE IMPLICATIONS IT HAS FOR OTHER S.T.D.'S, AS WE'VE
22 DISCUSSED. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING THIS A NUMBER ONE
23 PRIORITY. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **DR. FIELDING:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR AND YES I SHARE YOUR
2 CONCERN THAT WE COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN H.I.V.
3 BASED ON RELAXATION OF SAFE SEX PRACTICES AND NOT -- EVEN
4 THOUGH WE DON'T KNOW IT YET.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH DID YOU HAVE A
7 QUESTION?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS GOING BACK TO THE
10 JAILS. WHEN IT WAS FIRST DIAGNOSED AS SPIDER BITES, THEN ABOUT
11 THREE MONTHS LATER YOU CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THERE WAS A SPIDER
12 BITE PROBLEM WHEN DID YOU BEGIN THE TESTING OF THE CULTURES?

13

14 **DR. FIELDING:** WELL ACTUALLY THE CULTURING WAS A PART OF THE
15 PROTOCOL THAT WE DEVELOPED IN SEPTEMBER. ON OCCASION THE
16 PROFESSIONAL STAFF MAY BE SLOW TO MOVE IN IMPLEMENTING ALL
17 PARTS OF THE GUIDELINES THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED FOR THE
18 CLINICAL PRACTICE BUT CERTAINLY IN JANUARY WE RE-BRIEFED THE
19 PROFESSIONAL STAFF. WE REINFORCED THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING THE
20 CULTURE SO THE WIDESPREAD SIGNIFICANT CULTURING BEGAN AROUND
21 JANUARY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MANY MONTHS WAS THAT AFTER THE
24 OUTBREAK?

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1 **DR. FIELDING:** UM, WELL, IF I UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION, I THINK
2 THAT'S JUST ABOUT AT THE TIME THAT THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE
3 THAT WE SEE BASED ON THE NUMBERS OCCURRED.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S THE PROTOCOL NOW TO INFORMING OUTSIDE
6 AGENCIES WHEN SUCH AN OUTBREAK OCCURS?

7

8 **DR. FIELDING:** THAT'S ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT WE NEED TO FOLLOW
9 UP ON WITH RESPECT TO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SHERIFF AND
10 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. IT'S THE SHERIFF'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DO
11 THAT NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AT THIS POINT,
12 IN THE PAST, IN THE TEXT OF OUR COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
13 MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT WE HAVE CRAFTED WITH THE HEALTH
14 DEPARTMENT WE HAVE NOT ESTABLISHED SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR
15 REPORTING OUTSIDE OF THE 33 REQUIRED DISEASES THAT WE ARE TO
16 REPORT. AND AS I REMEMBER THE STATUTE BASICALLY READS THAT IF
17 YOU BEGIN TO SEE AN INCREASED FREQUENCY OF CERTAIN TYPES OF
18 NON-REPORTABLE DISEASES, THEN THOSE ALSO SHOULD BE REPORTED.
19 SO AT LEAST AT THIS POINT WE HAVEN'T HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO
20 DISCUSS WHETHER IT'S TEN CASES OF SCABIES OR TEN CASES OF
21 M.R.S.A. THAT WOULD TRIGGER NOTIFYING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
22 SO I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT BOTH OF US ARE COMMITTED TO
23 WORK THROUGH.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE ALL OF THE SHERIFF CUSTODY PERSONNEL
2 BEEN TRAINED IN IDENTIFYING THESE TYPES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES
3 NOW?

4

5 **DR. FIELDING:** WHAT WE'VE DONE, SUPERVISOR, IS SUBSEQUENT TO
6 THE AUGUST 2002 MEETING IS WE CHANGED THE PROCEDURES IN THE
7 M.A. RECEPTION CENTER FOR NUMBER ONE SCREENING INMATES COMING
8 IN, AND LOOKING FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF SKIN INFECTIONS AND
9 THOSE TYPES OF ISSUES. WE DEVELOPED A TRAINING VIDEO THROUGH
10 THE HELP OF DR. CLARK AND HIS STAFF WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENTED
11 TO OUR MEDICAL STAFF, OUR COMMAND STAFF PERSONNEL HAS BEEN
12 DISSEMINATED TO OUR JAILS FOR BASICALLY OUR CUSTODY PERSONNEL,
13 WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING AN ADJUNCT VIDEO FOR THE
14 EDUCATION OF THE INMATES, FOR THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ACTUALLY
15 NEED TO KNOW WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND WHAT TO DO ONCE THEY FIND
16 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. WE ALSO CHANGED AND MODIFIED OUR
17 PROCEDURES AT THE VARIOUS CUSTODY FACILITIES ON THE EXCHANGE
18 OF CLOTHING, ESPECIALLY THE UNDERGARMENTS AND THE TOWELS. WE
19 TRY TO KEEP A CLOSER WATCH ON THE FREQUENCY THERE. WE ARE ALSO
20 -- ABOUT AUGUST TIME FRAME WE HAD SWITCHED FROM THE TYPE OF A
21 BULK SOAP THAT WE PURCHASED FOR THE INMATES TO AN
22 ANTIBACTERIAL SOAP WHICH IS NOW PROVIDED TO THE INMATES AT NO
23 COST, THEY CAN PURCHASE THEIR OWN THROUGH AN OUTSIDE VENDOR
24 BUT THIS IS AN ANTIBACTERIAL SOAP THAT'S PROVIDED UPON REQUEST
25 AT ALL OF OUR JAIL FACILITIES. WE HAVE MADE A POINT WITH ALL



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1 OF OUR JAIL COMMANDERS TO LET IT BE KNOWN THAT THEIR INMATES
2 SHOULD BE OFFERED SHOWERS AS FREQUENTLY AS POSSIBLE, AT LEAST
3 DAILY. IN MOST AREAS THAT'S BEING ACCOMPLISHED. AT MEN'S
4 CENTRAL JAIL IT'S A MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TASK TO GET ALL
5 INMATES TO THE SHOWERS EVERY DAY BUT THOSE THINGS -- THOSE ARE
6 SOME THINGS WE INITIALLY TRIED TO PUT IN PLACE TO STEM THE
7 TIDE, IF YOU WILL AND WE'RE WORKING WITH D.H.S TO MAKE FURTHER
8 IMPROVEMENTS.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL I MEAN GOOD HYGIENE REQUIRES THAT A
11 DAILY BATHING AND DAILY CHANGE OF UNDERGARMENTS AND THAT
12 SHOULD BE A REQUIREMENT, THAT'S NOT AN OPTION ESPECIALLY FOR
13 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE LIVING IN WHAT FOUR-PERSON CELLS.

14

15 **DR. FIELDING:** THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE WHEN YOU ARE TRYING
16 TO DEAL WITH 20,000 INMATES AND DOING DAILY EXCHANGES FOR THE
17 UNDERGARMENTS. IN MOST CASES WE RANGE ANYWHERE FROM WEEKLY
18 CLOTHING EXCHANGES FOR THE UNDERGARMENTS, FOR THE OUTER
19 GARMENTS, FOR THE BEDDINGS. THE UNDERGARMENTS ARE ISSUED
20 SOMEWHERE BETWEEN TWO AND SIX SETS SO SOME INMATES ACTUALLY
21 GET MORE THAN OTHERS PROBABLY BY VIRTUE OF LOCATION. NORTH
22 COUNTY IS WHERE THE LAUNDRY IS AT. SOUTH COUNTY OR THE BASIN
23 AREA WE HAVE TO TRANSPORT BACK AND FORTH ON A DAILY BASIS. THE
24 LAUNDRY CAN ONLY HANDLE A, YOU KNOW, A PARTICULAR LOAD SO



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1 UNTIL I CAN GET TO THE POINT WHERE WE RUN AN OPERATION OF 16
2 HOURS A DAY VERSUS 8 HOURS A DAY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW IF YOU HAVE A FOUR-PERSON CELL AND ONE OF
5 THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS DOESN'T BELIEVE IN HYGIENE, ARE YOU
6 CREATING A VERY INTOLERABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE OTHER THREE
7 ALONG WITH THE PERSONNEL WHO OPERATE THE FACILITY.

8

9 **DR. FIELDING:** YOU KNOW, WE DO OUR BEST TO PROVIDE THOSE
10 SHOWERS ON A DAILY BASIS BUT LIKE I WAS EXPLAINING TO DOCTOR
11 BANCROFT, IF YOU LET FOUR TO SIX INMATES OUT AT SHOWER TIME
12 AND THE SHOWERS ARE LOCATED IN THE SAME AREA THAT YOU CAN GET
13 TO A TELEPHONE CALL OFTENTIMES THE INMATE WILL OPT FOR A
14 TELEPHONE CALL VERSUS A SHOWER, WE TRY TO GET THEM THERE
15 DAILY.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT SHOULD NOT BE A CHOICE BETWEEN A TELEPHONE
18 CALL AND A SHOWER, SHOWERS SHOULD BE REQUIRED BECAUSE THEY
19 HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO THEMSELVES AND TO THEIR FELLOW
20 INMATES AND TO THOSE THAT WORK IN THAT ENVIRONMENT.

21

22 **DR. FIELDING:** I'M NOT ARGUING WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR, IT'S JUST
23 VERY DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE INMATES TO CRAWL UNDER THE WATER
24 AND TAKE A SHOWER DAILY.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN YOU HAVE THESE TYPES OF OUTBREAKS IT'S
2 UNCONSCIONABLE THAT WE ALLOW THOSE TYPES OF CHOICES. HOW DO
3 YOU CHANGE THAT?

4

5 **DR. FIELDING:** I PRESUME WE'D HAVE TO GO IN THERE AND ORDER
6 EACH INMATE DAILY TO GO OUT THERE AND CRAWL UNDERNEATH THE
7 SHOWER, AND IF POSSIBLE HAVE TO ESCORT THEM DOWN WITH DEPUTY
8 PERSONNEL. WE CAN ONLY OPEN THE GATES, WE DIRECT THEM DOWN TO
9 THE SHOWERS, YOU KNOW, YOU TRY TO GET THEM TO GO IN THE
10 SHOWERS, YOU PROVIDE THAT ABILITY FOR THEM ON A DAILY BASIS,
11 IF THEY OPT NOT TO GET IN THERE, IT'S REALLY DIFFICULT TO
12 FORCE SOMEBODY TO TAKE A SHOWER.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S -- YOU'RE CREATING FUTURE PROBLEMS FOR
15 THE OTHER THREE INMATES WHO HAVE TO STAY IN THAT CELL WITH
16 THAT INDIVIDUAL AND YOU CAN HAVE THE SPREAD OF DISEASES AS
17 BEING NOT JUST MENTIONED BUT BEING REPORTED ON TODAY.

18

19 **DR. FIELDING:** AND AGAIN I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FORCE THE INMATE
20 TO TAKE A SHOWER SUPERVISOR.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL IF YOU HAVE FORCE THEM THEN YOU OUGHT TO
23 FORCE THEM. I MEAN FIRST OF ALL THEY ARE A HEALTH PROBLEM TO
24 THEMSELVES AND TO OTHERS AND IF THEY'RE SPREADING A



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1 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, IT CAN SHUT DOWN A FACILITY. AND THIS IS
2 NOT A DEMOCRACY.

3

4 **DR. FIELDING:** SIR --.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** REMEMBER YOU WENT THROUGH BASIC TRAINING?

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8 **DR. FIELDING:** YES, SIR, AND I HAD A DIFFERENT SAYING TO TAKE
9 SHOWERS TO.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU TOLD YOUR FIRST SERGEANT "WELL TODAY'S
12 NOT THE SHOWER DAY".

13

14 **DR. FIELDING:** A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING IN THE
15 MILITARY AND BEING IN A JAIL SIR.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL RIGHT, BUT STILL YOU HAD THAT OPERATION
18 AND IT WAS A VERY EFFICIENT OPERATION AND EVERYBODY BENEFITED
19 FROM THAT. I MEAN, LET ME ASK WHEN THESE INMATES ARE RELEASED
20 ARE THEY GIVEN A PRESCRIPTION WITH THE MEDICATION AND ALSO
21 INFORMATION TO GET ADDITIONAL CARE AND TREATMENT FOR THESE

22

23 **DOCTOR:** EXCELLENT QUESTION. SOME OF THE INMATES THAT ARE BEING
24 TREATED FOR THESE SKIN INFECTIONS ARE IN FACT ENROLLED IN OUR
25 SELF-MEDICATION PROGRAM. IN OTHER WORDS THEY CARRY THEIR



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1 MEDICATIONS ON-PERSON WITH THEM WHILE THEY'RE IN JAIL. IF THEY
2 ARE RELEASED WE COUNSEL THEM THAT IF YOU'RE RELEASED FROM JAIL
3 WITHOUT OUR HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE YOU, MAKE SURE THAT
4 YOU COMPLETE YOUR ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY. THERE ARE OTHER INMATES
5 WHO FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE SELF-
6 MEDICATION PROGRAM AND IN THOSE INSTANCES WE TRY OUR BEST AND
7 WE ARE BEGINNING TO WORK WITH OUR COMMUNITY TRANSITION UNIT TO
8 MAKE SURE THAT AS THEY ARE PROCESSED OUT OF THE JAIL THAT THEY
9 IN FACT WILL RECEIVE MEDICATIONS, IN ADDITION TO THAT WE'VE
10 IMPLEMENTED A WRIST-BANDING MEASURE FOR CERTAIN INMATES THAT
11 ARE ACUTE WHO MUST TAKE THEIR MEDICATION AND CERTAINLY IF
12 SOMEONE'S BEING RELEASED AND THEY HAVE A ORANGE WRISTBAND
13 THAT'S A INDIVIDUAL THAT STAFF WILL MAKE SURE THEY KNOW WHAT
14 THE SITUATION IS WITH THAT PERSON BEFORE THEY ARE RELEASED.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE THERE REPORTS OF INMATES WHO HAVE BEEN
17 RELEASED AND THEN CREATING A PROBLEM WITH THEIR FAMILY?
18 SPREADING THE DISEASE?

19

20 **DOCTOR:** DR. BANCROFT IS IN THE PROCESS OF EVALUATING ONE CASE
21 NOW. THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A SITUATION WHERE A PERSON RELEASED
22 FROM JAIL WENT HOME AND AN INFANT IN THAT FAMILY GOT A SKIN
23 INFECTION BUT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S BEING DONE IN THE
24 COMMUNITY, AS DIAGNOSES ARE BEING MADE OF THESE SKIN
25 INFECTIONS, A PART OF THE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL QUESTIONS, DO YOU



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1 HAVE ANYONE WHO WAS RECENTLY IN JAIL OR PRISON. SO WE HAVEN'T
2 CONFIRMED THAT CASE YET.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE
7 WHO'VE ASKED TO SPEAK. DR. PAUL DENOUDEN, DR. GEORGE AVILA AND
8 WE'LL CALL MICHAEL WIENSTEIN UP WITH THAT GROUP.

9

10 **DR. FIELDING:** SUPERVISOR MAY I JUST MAKE ONE VERY BRIEF
11 COMMENT? I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EXCELLENT WORK OF DR.
12 ELIZABETH BANCROFT, ELIZABETH? WHO HAS REALLY DONE A WONDERFUL
13 JOB IN WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND I THINK WE
14 OWE HER A REAL DEBT OF GRATITUDE FOR HER EXCELLENT
15 INVESTIGATIVE WORK AND COLLABORATIVE WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **DOCTOR:** IN ADDITION TO THAT I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ONE OF
21 THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES ON MY STAFF, WHO'S TAKEN THE POINT IN
22 THIS PARTICULAR OUTBREAK THAT WE'RE HAVING AND THAT'S MARTHA
23 TEDESSA.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS SHE HERE ALSO? WOULD SHE STAND? MARTHA
2 TEDESSA WOULD YOU RAISE YOUR HAND?

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4 **DOCTOR:** SHE'S NOT HERE.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHE'S NOT HERE, OKAY THANK YOU.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. FIRST I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE BOARD ON
9 THE FEDERAL STATE AID PACKAGE THAT YOU HAVE SECURED. ALL OF US
10 IN L. A. COUNTY ARE VERY GRATEFUL THAT THAT TOOK PLACE. THREE
11 YEARS AGO I CAME HERE TO IMPLORE YOU TO TAKE SWIFT ACTION ON
12 SYPHILIS AND SOME ACTION WAS TAKEN BUT I RETURNED SIX MONTHS
13 LATER WHEN THE COUNTY DECLARED THAT THAT OUTBREAK WAS OVER AND
14 ASKED YOU NOT TO DO THAT AND TO AGGRESSIVELY ADDRESS THE
15 DISEASE. I COME TO YOU NOW TO ASK FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION ON AN
16 INFECTIOUS WITCH'S BREW OF STAPH, SYPHILIS AND H.I.V. DR.
17 FIELDING MENTIONED TWO INFECTIOUS DISEASE PRACTICES THAT HAVE
18 REPORTED THIS AND THAT IS A.I.D.S. HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION AND
19 TOWER INFECTION DISEASE. FIRST I HAVE TO SAY, HAVING HEARD THE
20 PREVIOUS TESTIMONY FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THAT I AM
21 APPALLED THAT IT TOOK MORE THAN A YEAR TO CULTURE THESE VERY,
22 VERY AGGRESSIVE WOUNDS. I MEAN I CANNOT IMAGINE HOW BARBARIC
23 THAT IS THAT THAT DID NOT TAKE PLACE FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. I'M
24 JUST FRANKLY OUTRAGED ABOUT THAT. WE HAVE HAD, WE ESTIMATE,
25 ABOUT 100 CASES AT A.I.D.S. HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION AND AND WE



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1 KNOW THAT THAT'S JUST A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE MANY
2 CASES THAT HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED IN THE COMMUNITY OVER THE LAST
3 SIX MONTHS. NOW AS BAD AS THE 1,000 CASES ARE IN THE JAIL,
4 THAT IS MORE LIKE THE TRADITIONAL SETTINGS WHERE M.R.S.A.
5 USUALLY TAKES PLACE, NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, ET CETERA. THIS
6 COMMUNITY-ACQUIRED DISEASE THAT WE'RE SEEING AMONG OUR
7 PATIENTS IS UNUSUAL AND FOR THAT REASON I THINK EVEN MORE
8 SERIOUS. I WOULD RECOMMEND TO YOU THAT YOU ADOPT SOME FORM OF
9 TEMPORARY REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR THIS. THIS IS NOT A
10 REPORTABLE DISEASE BUT I THINK GIVEN THE VIRULENCE OF IT AND
11 THE FACT THAT IT IS DRUG-RESISTANT I THINK REQUIRES US TO HAVE
12 MORE INFORMATION, AND WE'LL ONLY DO THAT BY HAVING SOME TYPE
13 OF A REPORTING REQUIREMENT. ALSO IN TERMS OF ADDRESSING
14 SYPHILIS AND STAPH, WE WOULD HAVE TO SPEND SOME MONEY. WE
15 BASICALLY HAD TWO CANARIES IN THE COAL MINE, SYPHILIS AND
16 STAPH AND THOSE CANARIES HAVE SUCCUMBED. AND I'M REALLY
17 FRIGHTENED, VERY, VERY FRIGHTENED, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF
18 BUDGET CUTS THAT WE ARE SEEING THE BREAKDOWN OF THE PUBLIC
19 HEALTH SYSTEM, AND THAT MUST BE FIXED REGARDLESS OF THE BUDGET
20 VAGARIES THAT WE'RE IN NOW. AND, YOU KNOW, IT REALLY BEGS THE
21 QUESTION, IF WE CAN'T DEAL WITH THIS ARE WE GOING TO BE ABLE
22 TO DEAL WITH BIOTERRORISM AND OTHER CHALLENGES OF THAT SORT?
23 SO I THINK THAT WE NEED TO HAVE A MULTI-AGENCY TASKFORCE TO
24 FOCUS ON THESE PUBLIC HEALTH OUTBREAKS AND WE NEED DIRECT



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1 PARTICIPATION BY THE COMMUNITY, BOTH THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY AS
2 WELL AS THE SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDER COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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6 **DR. PAUL DENOUDEN:** MY NAME IS DR. PAUL DENOUDEN, I'M A FULL-
7 TIME PHYSICIAN HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AT A.I.D.S. HEALTH CARE
8 FOUNDATION BOTH IN OUR INPATIENT FACILITY AND A DAILY
9 PRACTITIONER IN THE OUTPATIENT CLINIC AND.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JUST ONE MOMENT, CAN I ASK GENEVIEVE
12 CLAVREUL TO COME FORWARD, AND KAREN MALL.

13

14 **DR. PAUL DENOUDEN:** OKAY I JUST WANTED TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING
15 ISSUES OF THIS RESISTANT STAPH BACTERIAL OUTBREAK THAT WE'VE
16 BEEN SEEING THAT YOU'VE BEEN DISCUSSING CALLED M.R.S.A. AS YOU
17 KNOW IT'S BEEN REPORTED IN DEFINED PRISON POPULATIONS AND
18 HOSPITAL POPULATIONS BUT FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, SINCE
19 ABOUT SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER LAST YEAR, WE'VE BEEN SEEING AN
20 ONGOING COMMUNITY OUTBREAK OF THIS IN OUR OUTPATIENT
21 POPULATION, AS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED. THESE ARE NOT PEOPLE THAT
22 HAVE RECENTLY BEEN IN JAIL OR IN HOSPITALS AND IT'S BEEN AN
23 ONGOING ISSUE. I WOULD SAY I'M CONTINUING TO SEE AT LEAST ONE
24 TO TWO CASES A WEEK OF URGENT CARE PATIENTS COMING IN WITH NEW
25 INFECTIONS, EITHER SKIN ABSCESES THAT NEED TO BE DRAINED OR



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1 CELULITIS. AS YOU KNOW THIS IS RESISTANT BACTERIAL INFECTION,
2 ONLY A COUPLE OF ORAL ANTIBIOTICS ARE SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE OR
3 POTENTIALLY EFFECTIVE AGAINST THIS. OFTEN THESE ARE RECURRENT
4 AND REQUIRE MULTIPLE SURGICAL PROCEDURES WHEN THEY'RE
5 RECURRENT ABSCESES. ONE OF MY MAIN CONCERNS IS SOME OF THE
6 COMPLICATIONS SEEN. SOME OF MY OWN PATIENTS HAVE STARTED AS AN
7 OUTPATIENT BUT THEN BEEN HOSPITALIZED NEEDING AGGRESSIVE I.V.
8 ANTIBIOTICS AND SURGICAL DRAINING IN THE OPERATING ROOM FOR
9 VERY SEVERE CASES. VIRTUALLY ALL THE PRACTITIONERS I WORK WITH
10 HAVE ALSO SEEN THIS AS WELL. THERE'S CLEARLY SOME INCREASED
11 MORBIDITY HERE AND NOT TO MENTION INCREASED MEDICAL COSTS AND
12 TIME OFF WORK FOR MANY PEOPLE. THIS HAS BEEN SEEN IN BOTH
13 IMMUNO-COMPROMISED PATIENTS AS WELL AS PATIENTS WITH NORMAL
14 IMMUNE SYSTEMS. WE'VE SEEN IT IN PATIENTS WHO HAVE H.I.V. BUT
15 NORMAL T-CELLS WHO ARE NOT OVER IMMUNO- COMPROMISED, IT HAS
16 ALSO BEEN REPORTED IN H.I.V. NEGATIVE PATIENTS. I WOULD SAY
17 THERE'S DEFINITELY A NEED FOR SOME ONGOING AND INCREASED
18 SURVEILLANCE IN THE GENERAL MEDICAL CLINIC POPULATION,
19 OUTPATIENT POPULATION AS WELL AS THE OTHER AREAS WE'VE
20 DISCUSSED AS WELL AS JUST INCREASED EDUCATION FOR ALL HEALTH
21 CARE PROVIDERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THOSE OF US WHO WORK
22 FULL-TIME IN H.I.V. OR INFECTIOUS DISEASE FIELDS ARE USED TO
23 SEEING THIS IN OUR CLINICS BUT AS PATIENTS WILL BE PRESENTING
24 TO THE EMERGENCY ROOMS OR URGENT CARE CLINICS THEY MAY NOT BE
25 AS AWARE OF THE M.R.S.A. ISSUE THAT WE'VE BEEN SEEING. THE



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1 SYPHILIS EPIDEMIC HAS ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED AND WE'VE STEPPED UP
2 AGGRESSIVELY OUR SCREENING AND I MYSELF AND VIRTUALLY EVERY
3 PRACTITIONER HAVE CAUGHT MANY SYMPTOMATIC PATIENTS AND
4 THEREFORE BEEN ABLE TO TREAT THEM, PREVENT THE ONGOING
5 TRANSMISSION AS WELL AS PREVENT THE LONG-TERM COMPLICATIONS OF
6 SYPHILIS.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR AVILA.

9

10 **DR. GEORGE AVILA:** GOOD MORNING I'M DR. GEORGE AVILA, I'M THE
11 DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AT A.I.D.S. PROJECT LOS ANGELES. I'M A
12 FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. PROGRAMS AND
13 POLICY AND I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH SINCE
14 1996. I WANTED TO SHARE BRIEFLY WITH YOU AN OVERVIEW OF SOME
15 OF PREVENTION ACTIVITIES THAT A.I.D.S. PROJECT LOS ANGELES HAS
16 BEEN ENGAGED IN IN RESPONSE TO THE SYPHILIS OUTBREAK AND
17 CONTINUED CONCERNS ABOUT H.I.V. AND OTHER S.T.D.S. LET ME
18 FIRST SAY THAT WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT THAT WE'VE
19 RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WE APPLAUD
20 DR. FIELDING'S DECISION TO CREATE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
21 GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER HEALTH ISSUES. IN JUNE
22 OF 2002 A.I.D.S. PROJECT LOS ANGELES WAS AWARDED A CONTRACT
23 AND RECEIVED EXECUTED CONTRACTS FROM L. A. COUNTY'S S.T.D.
24 PROGRAM AND THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. PROGRAM AND POLICY TO
25 ESTABLISH AND ROUTINELY MAINTAIN HEALTH PROMOTION AND HARM



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1 REDUCTION ACTIVITIES IN COMMERCIAL SEX VENUES WHICH INCLUDES
2 BATHHOUSES AND SEX CLUBS THAT CATER TO GAY MEN AND MEN WHO
3 HAVE SEX WITH MEN IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AREA. TO REDUCE
4 THE RISK OF INFECTION AND TRANSMISSION OF S.T.D.S AND H.I.V.
5 AMONG MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN INCLUDING A FUNDED POSITION
6 THAT SERVES AS A LIAISON BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
7 SERVICES AND COMMERCIAL SEX VENUES. WE BECAME FULLY STAFFED IN
8 OCTOBER OF 2002 AND SINCE THAT TIME ONE OF THE MAIN
9 ACCOMPLISHMENTS IS THAT WE'VE ESTABLISHED AN ASSOCIATION OF
10 BUSINESS OWNERS AND MANAGERS OF COMMERCIAL SEX VENUES. IN
11 TOTAL EIGHT COMMERCIAL SEX VENUE MANAGERS. WE'VE CONVENED FOUR
12 MEETINGS, THE MEETINGS ARE DESIGNED TO ORCHESTRATE A
13 COORDINATED RESPONSE ON IMPLEMENTING SELF-IMPOSED GUIDELINES,
14 STRICTER GUIDELINES ON HEALTH EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROMOTION
15 ACTIVITIES WITHIN THOSE VENUES. WE'VE ALSO COORDINATED SERVICE
16 PROVIDERS TO COMMERCIAL SEX VENUES IN L.A. COUNTY, WE'VE
17 CONDUCTED FIVE MEETINGS WITH 14 INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING 8
18 DIFFERENT AGENCIES FROM AROUND THE COUNTY THAT SERVES THAT
19 POPULATION. WE'VE CONDUCTED A COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT
20 SURVEY, INSTRUMENT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, WHICH WE INTEND TO
21 IMPLEMENT THIS SPRING. WE'VE ALSO COMPLETED THE DEVELOPMENT OF
22 A COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING CURRICULUM FOR PEER HEALTH EDUCATORS.
23 IN THE SPRING WE PLAN TO CONDUCT A NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF 125
24 CLIENTELE OF THESE VENUES. WE PLAN TO TRAIN AND CERTIFY A CORE
25 VOLUNTEER HEALTH EDUCATORS FROM THE VENUES. 20 IN TOTAL. WE



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1 PLAN TO CONTINUE TO FACILITATE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT
2 OF HEALTH SERVICES AND COMMERCIAL SEX VENUE MANAGERS AND
3 BUSINESS OWNERS. WE PLAN TO CONDUCT RISK REDUCTION OUTREACH
4 ACTIVITIES WITH MORE THAN 350 MEN IN THESE VENUES AND WE PLAN
5 TO PARTNER WITH TWO NATIONAL BATHHOUSE RESEARCH PROJECTS AND
6 LASTLY WE'VE BEEN ASKED BY THE STATE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. TO
7 HELP CONVENE A SOUTHERN REGIONAL MEETING OF COMMERCIAL SEX
8 VENUES AND PROVIDERS THAT SERVE THAT POPULATION. I HAVE COPIES
9 OF THE OVERVIEW AS HANDOUTS WITH THE LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS
10 THAT WE'D LIKE TO SUGGEST. MY LAST COMMENT IS THAT THE LARGEST
11 PROPORTION OF RECENTLY DIAGNOSED SYPHILIS CASES IN LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY ARE AMONG LATINO MEN, WHICH HAS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE
13 WAYS THAT WE CRAFT MESSAGES TO THE POPULATION. THANK YOU FOR
14 YOUR ATTENTION.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TERRI FORD, WOULD YOU PLEASE
17 COME FORWARD? YES.

18

19 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYBE GOOD MORNING. MY
20 NAME IS GENEVIEVE, ALSO KNOWN AS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
21 SOMETHING NICE SOME TIME TO BE TITLE TO THE ONE WHO HAVE IT.
22 I'M VERY CONCERNED WHAT IS GOING ON ABOUT THE INFECTION IN THE
23 JAIL. IT IS UNFORGIVABLE THAT FOR MONTHS THEY NEVER TESTED TO
24 SEE IF IT WAS BACTERIA OR A SPIDER BITE. BUT MY MAIN CONCERN
25 RIGHT NOW IS REALLY HOW IT'S GOING TO AFFECT THE GENERAL



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1 POPULATION. WE ALREADY HAVE OUTBREAK AND I HEARD VERY LITTLE
2 MENTIONED TODAY IN A NEWBORN NURSERY AND THAT'S SOMETHING
3 REALLY SIGNIFICANT. I AM VERY CONCERNED WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE
4 JAIL, I'M VERY CONCERNED WHAT HAPPENED IN THE GAY AND LESBIAN
5 COMMUNITY BUT I'M CERTAINLY CONCERNED WHAT HAPPENED IN
6 NEWBORNS AND IN THE HOSPITALS. AND I SUGGEST THAT YOU HAVE A
7 LOOK AT THAT BECAUSE IT'S ALREADY HAPPENING IN L. A. COUNTY.
8 ONE OF OUR LARGER HOSPITAL HAVE HAD AN EPIDEMIC. SO I THINK IT
9 IS WAY OUT OF HANDS RIGHT NOW. AND I SUGGEST YOU DO SOME VERY
10 STRONG LOOKING AT THAT. WHEN IT COME TO THE SYPHILIS CASES, AS
11 A NEW CASE OF H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. IS A JOKE. WE HAVE H.I.V.
12 OVER TWENTY YEARS WE HAVE SPENT BILLIONS, BILLIONS OF DOLLARS
13 IN A.I.D.S PREVENTION AND IT'S NOT WORKING. I THINK WE REALLY
14 NEED TO LOOK OF HOW WE DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ABOUT SAFER SEX
15 AND THIS MORNING PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, TELL YOU WE CANNOT PLAN OUR
16 NEW INFECTION IS. THIS IS NOT CORRECT. WE HAVE NEW TESTS, WE
17 CAN IDENTIFY, IF THE H.I.V. INFECTION IS A NEW INFECTION OR A
18 OLD INFECTION. SO I THINK, YOU KNOW, -- I KNOW IN THE NEXT FEW
19 WEEKS YOU'RE GOING TO RENEW MANY CONTRACT HAVING TO DO WITH
20 H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. MANY CONTRACT OF NON-PERFORMING GROUPS. I
21 HIGHLY SUGGEST BEFORE YOU GIVE ANY MORE MONEY YOU LOOK AT THAT
22 AND YOU KNOW WHEN IT COMES TO THE PREVENTION, IT IS ONE THING
23 WE HAVE NOT LOOKED AT IS THE RISK-TAKING BEHAVIOR. AND UNTIL
24 WE DEAL WITH THAT, WHY PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO TAKE RISKS, WE



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1 ARE NOT GOING TO FIND THE SOLUTION AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO
2 PREVENT MANY H.I.V. INFECTIONS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COULD GEORGE KENSLEA COME
5 FORWARD? KAREN?

6

7 **KAREN MALL:** HI, KAREN MALL WITH A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE
8 FOUNDATION, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF PREVENTION AND TESTING
9 PROGRAMS. WE DO OVER 1,200 H.I.V TESTS A MONTH AND WE ARE IN
10 THE JAILS, THE SEX CLUBS, THE BATHHOUSES. WE HAVE A MOBILE VAN
11 AND ALTERNATIVE TEST SITES. I ALSO COORDINATE THE "STOP THE
12 SORES" CAMPAIGN WHICH IS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SYPHILIS
13 AMONG MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN. WHEN WE LAUNCHED THAT
14 CAMPAIGN LAST JUNE AND THE CAMPAIGN IS STILL WITHOUT ITS
15 COMPANION PIECE, AND THAT'S ACCESSIBLE SYPHILIS TESTING.
16 WHAT'S OUTLINED IN YOUR PACKET THAT YOU RECEIVED IS A
17 COMMENDABLE EFFORT BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH BECAUSE THE SEX CLUBS
18 AND THE BATHHOUSES ARE ONLY A PORTION OF WHERE PEOPLE ARE
19 LISTING MEETING THEIR SEXUAL PARTNERS. THEY'RE ALSO MEETING
20 THEM AT DANCE CLUBS, AND NIGHTCLUBS AND BARS AND WE HAVE TO
21 ADDRESS THAT AS WELL. AND THAT MEANS MAKING SYPHILIS TESTING
22 AS ACCESSIBLE AS WE HAVE MADE H.I.V TESTING. THIS MEANS THAT
23 THE INTEGRATION OF H.I.V AND S.T.D TESTING IS CRUCIAL, A
24 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO INTEGRATE H.I.V AND S.T.D SERVICES NEEDS
25 TO BE DEVELOPED SO THAT WE STOP TREATING THESE ISSUES, H.I.V,



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1 SYPHILIS, STAPH INFECTION, AS IF THEY'RE SEPARATE AND NOT
2 CONNECTED TO ONE ANOTHER. ALL PROGRAMS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT
3 OF HEALTH SERVICES THAT WOULD BE A PART OF DEVELOPING THAT
4 PLAN NEED TO COLLABORATE WITH THEIR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO
5 ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE, APPROPRIATE AND LONG-TERM STRATEGY IS
6 CONSTRUCTED AND RESOURCES NEED TO BE DEDICATED TO PROVIDE
7 REIMBURSEMENT FOR STD TESTING IN ORDER FOR A LONG-TERM
8 EFFECTIVE STRATEGY TO BE SUCCESSFUL. WITH COUNTY CUT-BACKS IN
9 PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS IT'S TIME TO MAXIMIZE ON THE ALREADY-
10 IMPLEMENTED COMMUNITY-BASED PREVENTION AND TESTING PROGRAMS
11 THAT TARGET HIGH RISK POPULATIONS, HAVE EXCEPTIONAL RISK
12 REDUCTION COUNSELORS AND ARE CAPABLE AND EAGER TO HELP. SO I
13 URGE YOU TODAY TO LISTEN TO WHAT'S BEING SAID AND PLEASE
14 IMPLEMENT AN APPROPRIATE PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, COULD DANIEL MONTOYA COME
17 FORWARD. TERRI FORD.

18

19 **TERRI FORD:** GOOD MORNING, I'M TERRI FORD, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF
20 ADVOCACY FOR A.I.D.S HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION IN THE FORM OF
21 DIRECTOR OF PREVENTION PROGRAMS. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE
22 SYPHILIS OUTBREAK SINCE THE BEGINNING OF IT IN THE YEAR 2000.
23 WE'RE PLEASED TODAY THAT THE M.R.S.A STAPH INFECTION IS BEING
24 ADDRESSED BUT WE ALSO URGE YOU TO DESIGN A STRATEGIC PLAN OF
25 ACTION THAT INCLUDES SYPHILIS AND H.I.V AS WELL. WITH SYPHILIS



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1 IN PARTICULAR I URGE YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE SUCCESS OF THE
2 BALTIMORE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WHO HAVE ACHIEVED A 65% DECREASE
3 IN SYPHILIS CASES IN BALTIMORE. IT'S A MODEL OF CONSISTENT
4 TARGETED SCREENING AND OUTREACH THAT CAN WORK VERY WELL IN L.
5 A. THE CAPACITY TO DO THIS IS THERE, THE ALLOCATED RESOURCES
6 ARE NOT. SEVEN OUTREACHES PER MONTH BY THE COUNTY MOBILE S.T.D
7 VAN IS NOT ENOUGH AND THAT'S AN UNDERSTATEMENT. SEVEN
8 OUTREACHES A WEEK AT NIGHT IS A MINIMUM OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO
9 MAKE A DENT. REGARDING THE SEX CLUBS AND BATHHOUSES HEALTH
10 DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP IS URGENTLY NEEDED. THESE BUSINESSES ARE
11 NOT REGULATED WHILE H.I.V AND S.T.D INFECTIONS GROW UNABATED.
12 THERE IS ONE BATHHOUSE IN HOLLYWOOD THAT IS LISTED AS THE
13 NUMBER ONE SITE FOR NEW SYPHILIS INFECTIONS BY THE STD
14 PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS ONE OF THE TOP SITES FOR THE NEW STAPH
15 INFECTION. YET, THE OWNER HAS NOT BEEN CALLED TO THE WOOD SHED
16 BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND HE HAS EVEN REFUSED TO ALLOW
17 H.I.V AND S.T.D TESTING SERVICES AT THE CLUB, EVEN THOUGH THEY
18 COULD BE OFFERED FOR FREE. THAT'S WRONG AND WE DON'T
19 UNDERSTAND WHY THAT'S ALLOWED. IF HIS BUSINESS WAS A
20 RESTAURANT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSED BY NOW. ANOTHER SEX CLUB
21 THAT WE ACTUALLY DO TEST IN HAD AN H.I.V INFECTION RATE OF 22%
22 IN JULY. 22%. 2% IS CONSIDERED AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM OF
23 ACHIEVING -- OF REACHING THESE NEW INFECTIONS. THAT CLUB HAD
24 22%. YET AGAIN THE OWNER OF THAT CLUB WAS NOT VISITED BY THE
25 HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND ARE NO REGULATIONS IN PLACE. IT'S WRONG.



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1 WE REALLY NEED LEADERSHIP FROM YOU ALL. SYPHILIS, STAPH,
2 H.I.V, I URGE YOUR LEADERSHIP IN CREATING AND FUNDING AN
3 INTEGRATED PLAN THAT WILL EFFECTIVELY STOP ALL THREE OF THESE
4 PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WERE YOU TESTING FOR SYPHILIS AT THAT
7 FACILITY?

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9 **TERRI FORD:** YES.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU GOT A 22%?

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13 **TERRI FORD:** WELL THE 22% IS H.I.V. WE DO TEST FOR SYPHILIS IN
14 THAT CLUB. THERE IS HIGH RATES AS WELL. BUT THAT PARTICULAR
15 MONTH IT WAS 22% IN H.I.V, WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST WE'D EVER HAD
16 ANYWHERE.

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18 **GED KENSLEA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS GED KENSLEA, I'M THE
19 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR FOR A.I.D.S HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION. I
20 HANDED OFF A HANDOUT TO THE SHERIFF IF YOU'D BE KIND ENOUGH TO
21 DISTRIBUTE THEM. I'M GOING TO TALK THIS MORNING OR THIS
22 AFTERNOON ABOUT THE PUBLIC AWARENESS AROUND THESE ISSUES AND
23 THE NEED FOR A CONSTANT, STRATEGIC AND VASTLY IMPROVED MEDIA
24 STRATEGY AROUND THESE THREE CONCURRENT OUTBREAKS, SYPHILIS,
25 H.I.V AND THE STAPH INFECTION WITH WHICH YOU'RE DEALING IN THE



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1 COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM AS WELL AS THE MSM POPULATION. EVERY TIME
2 THAT A.I.D.S HEALTH CARE HAS DONE ANYTHING WITH REGARDS TO
3 SYPHILIS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS OR SO OF THE OUTBREAK WE'VE
4 HAD AN INCREDIBLE RESPONSE FROM THE MEDIA AND I THINK IT'S
5 SOMETHING THAT IS LACKING, I THINK SOMETHING COULD BE REALLY
6 STEPPED UP WITH REGARD TO THE STRATEGY THAT YOU AS COUNTY
7 OFFICIALS LEADING THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS CAN EMPLOY BOTH ON
8 THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMPONENT, BUT AS WELL AS A MUCH STRONGER
9 MEDIA OUTREACH. WE DID AN EVENT ON THE 26TH OF DECEMBER THAT
10 HAD AN AMAZING RESPONSE WITH REGARD TO MEDIA TURNOUT SO THERE
11 IS INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE IN THE COMMUNITY AND I THINK THERE
12 NEEDS TO BE MORE -- A MORE CONTINUED AND RESPONSIVE EFFORT ON
13 -- FROM THE COUNTY ON THIS ISSUE. ZEV, I APPRECIATE YOU
14 POINTING OUT - AND I'VE INCLUDED ON THE TOP OF THAT, THIS IS
15 FROM LAST YEAR'S SYPHILIS S.T.D REPORTING SYSTEM AND I POINT
16 TO THE HOLLYWOOD WILSHIRE WHICH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAD
17 POINTED OUT, IT'S JUST IT PROVIDES A ROAD MAP, IT'S IMPORTANT
18 AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS BEEN TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
19 ACTUALLY HAS GONE ON IN THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM BUT WE REALLY
20 NEED TO MOVE FORWARD AGGRESSIVELY WITH THESE THREE CONCURRENT
21 OUTBREAKS. THIS I BELIEVE REALLY NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT AS A
22 CONTINUUM OF PUBLIC HEALTH CRISES COMING TOGETHER. WE A.I.D.S
23 HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION PRIOR TO THIS WE HAVE TARGETED A
24 SEPARATE CAMPAIGN IN THE WEST HOLLYWOOD AREA WITH REGARD TO
25 THE SYPHILIS OUTBREAK, SYPHILISTEST.ORG, AND THAT IS WHERE THE



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1 -- THAT IS WHERE THE INFECTIONS IN SYPHILIS AND THAT IS WHERE
2 I WOULD PREDICT THAT MANY OF THE MSM STAPH INFECTIONS ARE
3 GOING TO BE FOUND, WHEN YOU GET EPIDEMIOLOGICAL CONFIRMATIONS
4 ON THAT. TERRI FORD HAD MENTIONED WITH REGARD TO THE
5 COMMERCIAL SEX VENUES THAT THE ONE IN PARTICULAR IN HOLLYWOOD
6 THAT DOES NOT ALLOW SCREENING, MICHAEL WEINSTEIN HAD SAID THAT
7 PERHAPS YOU GUYS SHOULD CONSIDER AT LEAST AN INTERIM BASIS OF
8 REPORTING OF THIS STAPH INFECTION. BY WAY OF COMPARISON,
9 RESTAURANTS ARE NOW GRADED IN THE COUNTY. YOU HAVE YOUR ABC
10 RESTAURANTS, COUNTY BEACHES, YOU SEE EVERY SATURDAY IN THE L.
11 A. TIMES REPORTING OF THE WATER QUALITY IN THESE FACILITIES. I
12 THINK WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IS A RENEWED AGGRESSIVE, INNOVATIVE
13 APPROACH TO KEEPING THIS ISSUE FOR PREVENTION AND FOR TRACKING
14 IN THE PUBLIC'S EYE WITH REGARD TO THIS THREE-PRONGED OUTBREAK
15 OF SYPHILIS, STAPH AND H.I.V -- INCREASED H.I.V AND
16 PARTICULARLY SO THIS PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS THAT WE ARE FACING
17 RIGHT NOW DOES NOT BECOME A PUBLIC HEALTH CATASTROPHE A YEAR'S
18 HENCE. AND AS WE LOOK BACK, AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH LOOKS
19 BACK WITH REGARD TO TRACING SPIDER BITES TO ACTUAL STAPH
20 INFECTION WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED, WHAT I'VE ALSO ENCLOSED IN
21 YOUR PACKET IS ALSO AS WE THE COUNTY AND THE STATE ARE FACING
22 VERY LEAN ECONOMIC TIMES THERE IS A SELECTION OF ANTI-SYPHILIS
23 ADS THAT WERE DONE FROM THE WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION, ONE
24 OF THE TIMES THAT THIS COUNTRY WAS PROBABLY MOST BELEAGUERED
25 FINANCIALLY. SO I WOULD URGE YOU TO LOOK THROUGH THAT AS YOU



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1 CONSIDER THE AGGRESSIVE STEPPED UP MEDIA RESPONSE TO GO WITH
2 THE PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE ON THIS ISSUE AND I THANK YOU FOR
3 CONSIDERING IT.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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7 **DANIEL MONTOYA:** MY NAME IS DANIEL MONTOYA, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF
8 GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS FOR A.I.D.S PROJECT LOS ANGELES AND I WANT
9 TO THANK ALSO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ALLOWING US
10 TO COME AND PROVIDE SOME TESTIMONY. MY COMMENTS ARE IN
11 RELATION TO SORT OF PERSPECTIVE, AND THAT IS THAT I THINK YOU
12 ALL HAVE DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB BY BRINGING SOME OF THESE
13 ISSUES TO THE FOREFRONT BUT ALSO I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT
14 SOME OF THIS TAKES TIME IN THE SENSE THAT, AND I'LL USE OUR
15 OWN TIME LINE THAT WE'VE KIND OF MAPPED OUT FOR YOU ON THE
16 INFORMATION THAT WE GAVE YOU THAT DR. AVILA SPOKE ABOUT BUT,
17 YOU KNOW, IT WAS MAY 2000 WHEN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTED TO CREATING THAT
19 LIAISON BETWEEN D.H.S AND COMMERCIAL SEX VENUES AND IT WASN'T
20 UNTIL JUNE OF 2002 THAT WE A.P.L ACTUALLY RECEIVED SOME OF
21 AWARD MONEYS THAT CAME FROM SOME OF THESE CONVERSATIONS IN ALL
22 OF THOSE MACHINATIONS. IT WILL ALSO TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF TIME
23 AS WE GO FORWARD TO TRY AND WORK AT PUTTING TOGETHER SOME OF
24 THE INNOVATIVE PREVENTION METHODS AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS THAT
25 WERE TALKED ABOUT HERE TODAY AND THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE BEEN



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1 DOING IN OUR WORK WITH THE COMMERCIAL SEX VENUE OWNERS IN
2 TRYING TO COME ABOUT. SO MY MESSAGE IS SIMPLE IN THE SENSE
3 THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING SOME WORK IN THE RELATIVELY SHORT
4 PERIOD OF TIME SINCE THESE CONTRACTS WERE EXECUTED AND WE LOOK
5 TO FURTHER RESOURCES IN HOPES OF BEING ABLE TO KIND OF EXPAND
6 THE WORK THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY DOING. I ALSO WANTED TO MENTION
7 THAT AND I THINK IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER AND I WANT TO
8 UNDERSCORE TWO THINGS. ONE IS AGAIN WE APPLAUD DR. JONATHAN
9 FIELDING FOR HIS WILLINGNESS TO CREATE AN ADVISORY BOARD OF
10 GAY MEN, TO TALK ABOUT GAY MEN'S HEALTH ISSUES. AND WE ALSO
11 WANT TO SORT OF UNDERSCORE THAT AS ALWAYS WITH ANY SORT OF
12 AGENCY, ORGANIZATION OR COMPANY, THERE COULD BE BETTER
13 COORDINATION AND BETTER COMMUNICATION AND WE WOULD ENCOURAGE
14 SOME OF THAT WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
15 HEALTH SERVICES TO BETTER ENABLE US TO DO THE WORK WE DO AND
16 TO BE ABLE TO HIGHLIGHT THE WORK -- THE GREAT WORK THAT THE
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS DOING ITSELF. THANK
18 YOU.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANY MOTION THAT ANYONE
21 IS PRESENTING?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST -- IF I COULD ASK DR. FIELDING TO
24 COME BACK FOR A SECOND. WHILE YOU'RE WALKING UP, ON THE



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1 M.R.S.A, IS THERE ANY IDEA -- DO YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS --
2 RIGHT NOW THAT'S NOT REPORTABLE; IS THAT CORRECT?

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4 **DR. FIELDING:** NO, THAT IS NOT CURRENTLY REPORTABLE.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO HOW DO YOU KEEP A -- HOW DO YOU GET A
7 BEAT ON WHAT'S ACTUALLY GOING ON? IN THE JAILS, YOU'VE GOT A
8 LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE BUT BEYOND THAT
9 HOW DO YOU KEEP?

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11 **DR. FIELDING:** WELL THIS IS NEW. IT WAS ONLY IN NOVEMBER THAT
12 WE WERE ALERTED TO THIS IN THE MSM COMMUNITY. AND SINCE THEN
13 WE'VE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH PROVIDERS WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO
14 LARGE NUMBER OF GAY CLIENTS AND INFECTION DISEASE DOCTORS AS
15 WELL AND ASK THEM TO LET US KNOW IF THEY SEE CLUSTERS OF
16 CASES. WE COULD MAKE THAT REPORTABLE IN TERMS OF REPORTING A
17 CLUSTER. THE PROBLEM WE HAVE IS THAT REPORTING FOR ALMOST ALL
18 OUR DISEASES IS QUITE LOW. THE RESPONSE RATE FROM PHYSICIANS,
19 EVEN THOUGH IT IS A REQUIREMENT, WE HAVE THIS ROUTINELY. SO I
20 THINK THE MOST LIKELY WAY FOR US TO GET THIS IS TO REDOUBLE
21 OUR EFFORTS WITH THOSE PROVIDERS THAT ARE LIKELY TO SEE
22 SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN AND TO REALLY
23 FOCUS ON REPORTING THIS. WE WILL THEN NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW
24 WE'RE GOING TO TRY AND TRACK A LOT OF THIS AS WELL, BECAUSE
25 ALREADY WE'VE BEEN SOMEWHAT STRAINED IN TERMS OF RESOURCES TO



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1 TRY AND DO THE KIND OF STUDIES TO ANSWER A LOT OF BASIC
2 QUESTIONS. BUT I THINK THAT IT'S BEEN THE -- THAT INFORMAL WAY
3 THAT WE TEND TO HAVE GOTTEN THE BEST REPORTING. WE CAN
4 CERTAINLY MAKE IT REPORTABLE ON AT LEAST AN INTERIM BASIS AND
5 SEE WHAT KIND OF REPORTING WE GOT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALRIGHT, WHY DON'T YOU INCLUDE THAT IN YOUR
8 BI-WEEKLY REPORT, I'D APPRECIATE IT. I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE A
9 MOTION OTHER THAN TO ASK THAT DR. FIELDING COME BACK ON A BI-
10 WEEKLY OR PROVIDE US IN WRITING, DOESN'T HAVE TO COME BACK
11 PHYSICALLY WITH A BI-WEEKLY REPORT ON THIS -- THIS ISSUE AND
12 THE SYPHILIS ISSUE.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO IF WE COULD PERHAPS DIRECT DR. FIELDING
15 TO WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO GET A PROTOCOL
16 PERHAPS, A PROTOCOL ON THE DAILY HYGIENE OF THE INMATES AS
17 WE'VE DISCUSSED.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE BABY -- THE CHILDREN THAT WERE
20 DETECTED, WERE THOSE IN COUNTY HOSPITALS OR CHILD CARE
21 CENTERS? HOW WERE THOSE DETECTED?

22

23 **DR. FIELDING:** THOSE WERE - AND I'M GOING TO ASK ELIZABETH TO
24 HELP ME IF I'M WRONG, THOSE WERE TWO CASES IN A NEWBORN
25 NURSERY, NOT IN AN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT, WHICH IS OFTEN SEEN,



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1 WHERE WE OFTEN SEE THESE KINDS OF CASES, THIS WAS IN A NEWBORN
2 NURSERY AND THAT WAS EASILY CONTROLLED.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD THINK THAT WE NEED TO HAVE SOME
5 INFORMATION AT ALL OF THOSE NEWBORN FACILITIES AS WELL AS WHEN
6 AN INTAKE IN OUR JAIL. I WOULD THINK THAT THIS WOULD BE
7 SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE CHECKED FOR AS PEOPLE COME IN AND I
8 DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THAT PROCEDURE IS BUT I WOULD SUGGEST
9 THAT WE PASS ON TO THE SHERIFF THAT THIS BE INCLUDED IN TERMS
10 OF PART OF THE EXAMINATION ON INTAKE.

11

12 **DR. FIELDING:** THAT WAS ONE OF OUR RECOMMENDATIONS, SUPERVISOR.
13 [INAUDIBLE].

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I DON'T THINK WE NEED A MOTION
16 BUT CERTAINLY IN THE REPORT THAT COMES BACK WE COULD PROBABLY
17 GET SOME INFORMATION ON THAT.

18

19 **DR. FIELDING:** WE'LL DO THAT, SUPERVISOR.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL GO TO
22 A-3, WHICH IS THE REPORT FROM C.A.O REGARDING CURRENT STATUS
23 OF STATE BUDGET --.

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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. EVEN THOUGHT -- EVEN
2 THOUGHT THE STATE BUDGET HAS SEEMED TO GONE UNDERGROUND WITH
3 RESPECT TO ITS COVERAGE THE PROBLEM CERTAINLY HASN'T GONE
4 AWAY, THE GOVERNOR IN HIS PROPOSED BUDGET RELEASED JANUARY
5 10TH PROPOSED TO ELIMINATE THE BACKFILL TO CITIES AND COUNTIES
6 FOR THE VEHICLE LICENSE FEE. 1.3-BILLION-DOLLARS CURRENT YEAR
7 2.9 BILLION DOLLARS IN THE BUDGET YEAR. THE LEGISLATURE HAS
8 REFUSED TO TAKE THE ACTION CURRENT YEAR SO WE WILL CONTINUE TO
9 RECEIVE, WE BELIEVE, THE CURRENT YEAR, THE BACKFILL FOR L.A.
10 COUNTY THAT'S \$191 MILLION. THE SPEAKER INTRODUCED 4-X, WHICH
11 YOUR BOARD SUPPORTED, TO CLARIFY WHO IN THE ADMINISTRATION HAS
12 THE AUTHORITY TO TRIGGER THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE FEE. TO THE
13 BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THAT BILL IS STILL BEING HELD BY THE
14 SPEAKER, AND THEY ARE HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR
15 ABOUT WHAT TO DO BECAUSE THE GOVERNOR HAS INDICATED HE WILL
16 VETO THE BILL. IN THE INTERIM, WE FELT THAT IT WAS NECESSARY
17 TO TRY TO IDENTIFY THE POTENTIAL IMPACT TO THE COUNTY OF
18 LOSING \$472 MILLION NEXT YEAR ONGOING, WHICH IS THE VALUE OF
19 THE BACKFILL TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WHEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS
20 MADE THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE INDICATED THAT COUNTIES AND
21 CITIES SHOULDN'T BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE LOSS OF THE MONEY
22 BECAUSE IT WAS ONLY 5 AND A HALF PERCENT OF THEIR REVENUE, IN
23 ONE CASE 4 AND A HALF PERCENT IN THE OTHER CASE. THE PROBLEM
24 AS YOU WELL KNOW WITH COUNTY BUDGETS IS THAT ALMOST ALL OF THE
25 BUDGET IS LOCKED INTO EITHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES, MAINTENANCE



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1 OF EFFORT REQUIREMENTS OR MATCHING REQUIREMENTS. AND IN FACT
2 ONLY 1.5 BILLION OF THE 16.8 BILLION DOLLARS IS CONSIDERED
3 DISCRETIONARY TO YOUR BOARD, AND THAT IS THE AREA OF THE
4 BUDGET THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK TO MAKE UP THE DIFFERENCE.
5 OF THE BILLION AND A HALF ONE TIME EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT FOR
6 ABOUT \$500 MILLION SO WE ASKED THE DEPARTMENTS TO GIVE US
7 INFORMATION ON WHAT A 50% REDUCTION WOULD MEAN IN THEIR
8 BUDGETS, IN THEIR PROGRAMS. SO WE ASKED THE SHERIFF, FOR
9 EXAMPLE, WHAT WOULD \$143-MILLION-DOLLAR REDUCTION IN YOUR
10 EXPENDITURES CAUSE. PROBATION, 50 MILLION. DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
11 32 MILLION. WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED YESTERDAY TO YOUR BOARD
12 OFFICES THE RESULTS OF THAT EXERCISE. WE ASKED THE DEPARTMENTS
13 TO TAKE IT SERIOUSLY, NOT TO PICK THE MOST SENSITIVE OR -
14 ITEMS, YOU HAVE TO APPRECIATE THAT 50% REDUCTION OF THEIR
15 DISCRETIONARY MONEYS IS GOING TO BE SERIOUS. THEY REALLY DON'T
16 HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY OF PICKING AND CHOOSING, THEY'RE ALL
17 GOING TO BE DIFFICULT DECISIONS. BUT ASK THEM TO DO IT IN SUCH
18 A WAY THAT THEY COULD STAND BEHIND IT IF WE NEED TO MAKE
19 REDUCTIONS, THAT'S WHERE WE WOULD BE LOOKING FOR THOSE
20 REDUCTIONS. THE SUM TOTAL OF THE IMPACT WAS 4,472 POSITIONS,
21 AND WE DON'T KNOW IF ALL THOSE ARE FILLED OR NOT AND IT WASN'T
22 OUR INTENT TO TRY TO IDENTIFY THAT BUT TO GET A BALLPARK
23 ESTIMATE OF THE IMPACT. AND SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS, I DON'T
24 WANT TO SAY PROPOSALS FROM DEPARTMENTS, WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS.
25 IN AGRICULTURE, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES, INSPECTOR POSITIONS



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1 WOULD BE REDUCED, CREATING DELAYS IN INVESTIGATION OF FRAUD,
2 INSPECTION OF SCALES AND INSPECTIONS FOR PRODUCE, PEST CONTROL
3 AND PESTICIDE. IT HAS IMPACT ACROSS ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS,
4 THERE ARE NONE THAT WOULD NOT BE IMPACTED BY THIS. ANIMAL CARE
5 AND CONTROL, RESULTING IN THE CLOSURE OF CAL-STATE, CARSON,
6 BALDWIN PARK ANIMAL SHELTERS. ALL FIELD OFFICES WOULD HAVE TO
7 BE CONDUCTED OUT OF THE REMAINING THREE FACILITIES. 75%
8 REDUCTIONS IN FIRST LINE DISASTER RESPONSE. COMMUNITY AND
9 SENIOR SERVICES CURTAILMENT WOULD REQUIRE THEM TO CLOSE 7 OF
10 11 COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTERS WHICH PROVIDE VITAL PUBLIC
11 SERVICES, SUCH AS EMERGENCY FOOD BASKETS, SHELTER, IMMIGRATION
12 COUNSELING, HEALTHCARE, ET CETERA. DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ALL
13 SPECIALIZED UNITS WOULD BE ELIMINATED. THE LIFEGUARDS.
14 LIFEGUARD SERVICE WOULD BE ELIMINATED AT TORRANCE, REDONDO,
15 MANHATTAN, CABRILLO, DOCKWEILER, AND VENICE BEACHES. THE
16 OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO
17 CLOSE SEVERAL PATROL STATIONS AT LOCAL PARKS, ELIMINATE OVER
18 70 SWORN PARK OFFICERS. THE PARKS DEPARTMENT WOULD REQUIRE THE
19 CLOSURE OF ALL BOTANIC GARDENS, POOLS, AND ALL NATURE TRAILS
20 AND AREAS. PROBATION, CLOSURE OF ALL 18 CAMPS, SIX AREA
21 OFFICES, 4800 MINORS WOULD REQUIRE SOME KIND OF SUPERVISION
22 OUTSIDE OF THE CAMP SETTING. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, 1,100
23 DEPUTIES WOULD BE IMPACTED AND THE SHERIFF WOULD CLOSE PART OF
24 CENTRAL JAIL, IMPACTING 2900 FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR INMATES
25 AND ALSO ELIMINATE SAFE STREETS BUREAU, STATION LEVEL



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1 NARCOTICS, CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS, ET CETERA. SO WHILE THE
2 GOVERNOR HAS GONE OUT OF HIS WAY TO PROTECT PUBLIC SAFETY IN
3 THE STATE BUDGET, THE ELIMINATION OF THE -- ONE OF THE
4 DISCRETIONARY REVENUES THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS WILL
5 INEVITABLY RESULT IN THE REDUCTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY. BECAUSE
6 OVER 50%, OR ABOUT 50% OF THE DISCRETIONARY MONEY THAT WE
7 RECEIVE IN AREAS WHERE IT'S FLEXIBLE GO TO LAW ENFORCEMENT,
8 AND IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE THOSE REDUCTIONS WITHOUT
9 CUTTING INTO LAW ENFORCEMENT. THERE STILL IS OBVIOUSLY
10 DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO V.L.F. LONG-TERM.
11 THE GOVERNOR IS OBVIOUSLY, AT THIS POINT, NOT INTERESTED IN
12 SOLVING THE PROBLEM FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT. HE APPARENTLY WANTS
13 IT RESOLVED AS PART OF THE OVERALL BUDGET, BUT WE NEED TO MAKE
14 IT CLEAR THAT ANY KIND OF RESOLUTION THAT ELIMINATES THE
15 BACKFILL IS GOING TO HAVE DEVASTATING IMPACT ON SERVICES THAT
16 ARE PROVIDED LOCALLY. THE ONLY OTHER COMMENT THAT I WOULD MAKE
17 AT THIS TIME, BECAUSE WE DO HEAR AND WILL CONTINUE TO HEAR THE
18 ARGUMENT THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS TO SHARE THE PAIN, AND WE
19 CERTAINLY HAVE NO PROBLEM CONCEPTUALLY WITH THAT, WE ARE PART
20 OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, BUT WHAT THEY NEED TO REMEMBER,
21 AND THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT THE COUNTY --
22 COUNTIES HAVE BEEN SHARING THE PAIN SINCE 1993, WHEN THE STATE
23 TRANSFERRED THE PROPERTY TAX TO SCHOOLS TO HELP WITH THE
24 DEFICIT THAT THEY HAD IN THEIR BUDGET AT THAT TIME. SINCE THAT
25 TIME, LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS TRANSFERRED 8.6 BILLION DOLLARS



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1 OF OUR PROPERTY TAX TO SCHOOLS. \$8.6 BILLION THAT WOULD
2 OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE TO YOU TO DEAL WITH LOCAL
3 PROBLEMS. THE PROP 172 SALES TAX BACKFILL THAT WAS GOING TO
4 MITIGATE THAT PROBLEM HAS BROUGHT IN \$4.7 BILLION. WE ARE
5 SHORT ALMOST \$4 BILLION OVER THAT TIME PERIOD, AND IN THE
6 CURRENT YEAR, WE WILL LOSE \$525 MILLION OF PROPERTY TAX THAT
7 WOULD HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT, YOU NAME IT. SO LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SHARING
9 THE PAIN AND L.A. COUNTY IN PARTICULAR HAS BEEN
10 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED BY THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY TAX
11 AND THE BACKFILL FROM PROP 172 SALES TAX. WE WILL CONTINUE TO
12 KEEP YOU ADVISED AS SACRAMENTO CONTINUES TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT
13 WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE BUDGET. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER AREAS
14 THAT WE'VE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WHERE WE WILL BE IMPACTED FROM
15 FEES AND C.Y.A. TO S.B. 90, BUT TODAY I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW
16 ABOUT THE V.L.F. BACKFILL AND THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS, THANK
17 YOU.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? ADJOURNMENTS?

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH I HAVE ONE ADJOURNING MOTION.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WERE HOLDING A COUPLE OF MATTERS I
24 THINK .

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
2 ARMANDO KASADA, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY, HE WAS THE BROTHER
3 OF MY FORMER DEPUTY, LUPI HARAMIO, AND HE'S A FORMER MARINE,
4 HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN THE VIETNAM CONFLICT. IT'S MY ONLY
5 ADJOURNING MOTION. AND I WAS HOLDING ITEM 11 AND I JUST, FOR
6 THE PURPOSES OF MAKING AN AMENDMENT, I WOULD JUST ADD WHEN I
7 MAKE THIS AMENDMENT I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
8 SUPPORT AB 83, THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT'S ONE SPECIFYING METHOD
9 FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS SUCH AS
10 POSTING THE REPORT ON VENDING MACHINES OR AT RETAIL WATER
11 FACILITIES, OR PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE BOTTLE LABEL AND
12 TO EXEMPT WATER HAULERS FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A
13 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT. SO I'LL MOVE THAT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED --

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'LL SECOND IT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SECONDED, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
20 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION AS AMENDED, THIS ITEM IS
21 APPROVED.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS HOLDING ITEM NUMBER 19. I THINK A
24 NUMBER OF US WERE HOLDING ITEM 19. I WANTED TO JUST ASK THAT
25 ON PAGE 2, UNDER SECTION 1.2 OF THE REPORT ON CHILD WELFARE



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1 SERVICES AND FOSTER CARE, THE THIRD ITEM FROM THE BOTTOM OF
2 THE PAGE, "SUPPORT PROPOSALS TO CREATE STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO
3 APPOINT RECEIVERS FOR GROUP HOMES FOR CHILDREN", THAT THAT
4 ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE C.A.O.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON PAGE --

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ON PAGE TWO OF THE CHILD WELFARE
9 SERVICES, IT SAYS, IT'S THE THIRD --

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11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE SECOND FROM THE BOTTOM, THE SECOND OR
12 THIRD?

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIRD FROM THE BOTTOM, "SUPPORT PROPOSALS TO
15 CREATE STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO APPOINT RECEIVERS FOR GROUP
16 HOMES FOR CHILDREN". I ASK THAT THAT BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
17 C.A.O. I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING ANYWHERE, AND THAT'S ALL I HAD
18 ON THAT ITEM 19. I KNOW OTHERS WERE HOLDING IT AS WELL. SO I
19 WOULD MOVE THAT THAT ITEM BE REFERRED BACK.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, MADAM CHAIR, I HAD SOME ITEMS AS WELL.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED AND SECONDED.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** REFER THAT BACK.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAD SEVERAL ITEMS.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION THAT BE AMENDED, AND YOU
5 HAD, DID YOU HAVE ANOTHER AMENDMENT?

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL I JUST HAD SOME "NO" VOTES, ON SOME OF THESE
8 THINGS -- AND THIS IS DIRECTED AT THE C.A.O. FIRST -- DAVID?
9 IF I COULD MAKE A SUGGESTION ON THIS REPORT THAT WE GET, YOU
10 KNOW, SORT OF SUBTITLES UNDER THESE THINGS SO THAT WHEN WE GO
11 THROUGH THEN WE CAN PICK THEM OUT EASIER, JUST LIKE YOU HAD TO
12 SAY "THIRD FROM THE BOTTOM", IF THERE'S 1.2, WHATEVER IT MAY
13 BE, BECAUSE THERE'S A NUMBER OF THESE ISSUES. WHEN WE VOTED --
14 WHEN THE BOARD VOTED TO CLOSE RANCHO, THIS IS A QUESTION FOR
15 DAVID, AND OBVIOUSLY RESERVE THE OPTION TO CONSIDER NEW
16 PROPOSALS THAT MAY SAVE RANCHO, INCLUDING THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT,
17 IS THERE A LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUIRED TO MAKE THAT TRANSITION
18 AND IF SO I'D LIKE TO SEE IT PART OF THIS PACKAGE.

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SUPERVISOR I AM ASSURED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT
21 IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE SUCH A LEGISLATION.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT?

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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S CORRECT, CERTAINLY IF WE FIND THAT IT
2 IS, WE'LL IMMEDIATELY INTRODUCE SOMETHING.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. NEXT, LET'S SEE... ON PAGE 21,
5 UNDER "REVENUE AND TAXATION," NUMBER 2 AND NUMBER 3, SUPPORT A
6 LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE THE COUNTY WITH A GREATER FLEXIBILITY
7 AND SUPPORT A PROPOSAL FOR FEE ON ALCOHOL. I WANT TO BE JUST
8 RECORDED AS A "NO" VOTE ON THOSE. AND THEN ALSO THE -- ONE,
9 TWO, THREE, FOUR -- FIFTH DOWN, SUPPORT A LEGISLATION -- I'M
10 OKAY IN THAT.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, AND I JUST WANT TO BE RECORDED AS A "NO" ON
15 THOSE TWO ITEMS. AND THEN ON PAGE --

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WAIT A MINUTE, ON ITEM 9, THE THIRD ONE
18 DOWN, WHAT WAS THE OTHER ONE?

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THE SECOND AND THIRD.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE SECOND ONE DOWN?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** THE SECOND AND THIRD, I WANTED TO BE RECORDED AS A
25 "NO" VOTE.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, AND THEN ON PAGE 28, JUST BEFORE UTILITIES
5 AND INFRASTRUCTURE, I WANT TO BE RECORDED AS A "NO" VOTE ON
6 THAT AS WELL, TO SUPPORT A LEGISLATION TO REDUCE THE VOTE
7 REQUIREMENT. AND THE REST OF IT, I'M OKAY WITH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO, MADAM CHAIR, TO VOTE
10 "NO" ON PAGE 22 RELATIVE TO INCREASING SALES TAX, INCREASING
11 THE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION TAX, INCREASING THE SALES TAX ON PER
12 CAPITA AND THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION ON THE CHILD BILL OF --

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S ON PAGE 21, AND THAT WAS THE TWO THAT I
15 POINTED OUT, I THINK IT'S ON 21.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 22, IT'S PAGE 22.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU HAVE DIFFERENT --

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, WE DO.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAVE DIFFERENT REPORTS? OH HOW SPECIAL.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAYBE HE HAD A DIFFERENT REPORT MINE'S ON
2 PAGE 22 SO.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, NO I SAID WE DO HAVE --

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MINE'S ON 22 ALSO AND.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO, ON PAGE 23, OPPOSE LEGISLATION TO
9 REQUIRE A TRIAL BUT "NO" VOTE FOR PROPERTY TAX APPEALS AND ON
10 PAGE 28, PROPOSE THE -- TO REDUCE THE VOTING REQUIREMENT FOR
11 ENACTING A COUNTY-WIDE SALES OR GASOLINE TAX MEASURE.

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SAME AS SUPERVISOR KNABE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ALSO, IF THERE ARE OTHER -- I DON'T KNOW
16 IF THE -- I ALREADY OPPOSED THE V.L.F. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S IN
17 HERE AGAIN.

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK THE V.L.F., THE REFERENCE THAT I SEE,
20 WAS ON PAGE -- ON OUR PAGE 22, WHICH WAS SUPPORT THE BACKFILL
21 WHICH YOU'RE FINE FILL RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, YOU'RE BIT VIOLET?

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DID YOU HAVE
2 ANY --

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE AN AMENDMENT ON MINE. THIS IS FOR ITEM 19.
5 RIGHT?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE AN AMENDMENT, I THINK MY STAFF COULD PASS
10 IT OUT IF HE HASN'T ALREADY. IN 2002, THE CALIFORNIA
11 LEGISLATURE DID NOT PASS A BUDGET UNTIL TWO MONTHS INTO THE
12 NEW FISCAL YEAR. THE 16TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR IN WHICH THE
13 LEGISLATURE HAS FAILED TO ADOPT A BUDGET BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL
14 DEADLINE. THIS RECALCITRANCE ON THE PART OF THE LEGISLATURE
15 HAS VERY REAL CONSEQUENCES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY
16 AGENCIES. CITY AND COUNTIES ARE FORCED TO MAKE BUDGET
17 DECISIONS BASED ON SPECULATION ABOUT WHAT WILL BE SIGNED, WHAT
18 A SIGNED BUDGET MIGHT LOOK LIKE AND THEN REVISE AND REVISE
19 AGAIN WHEN THE STATE BUDGET IS ULTIMATELY FINALIZED. COMMUNITY
20 SERVICE AGENCIES THAT RELY ON STATE FUNDS FOR A PART OF THEIR
21 PROGRAMS TURN TO REVOLVING CREDIT LINES TO COVER PAYROLL WHILE
22 WAITING WORD FOR THEIR FUNDING AWARDS. ONE FACTOR THAT
23 CONTRIBUTES TO THE ANNUAL DEADLOCK OVER THE BUDGET IS THE
24 REQUIREMENT FOR A SUPERMAJORITY OR TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO ADOPT
25 THE BUDGET. CALIFORNIA IS ONLY ONE OF THREE STATES, ALONG WITH



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1 ARKANSAS AND RHODE ISLAND, WITH THIS REQUIREMENT. THIS TWO-
2 THIRDS VOTE REQUIREMENT IS A MAJOR OBSTACLE IN ENACTING A
3 BUDGET IN A TIMELY MANNER. FURTHER, UNDER EXISTING LAW
4 LEGISLATORS FACE NO SANCTIONS WHEN THEY FAIL TO ENACT A BUDGET
5 BEFORE THE CONSTITUTIONAL DEADLINE. ASSEMBLY MEMBER JOHN
6 LONGVILLE HAS INTRODUCED ASSEMBLY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 1,
7 A.C.A.-1, TO PROVIDE LEGISLATORS WITH THE TOOLS AND THE
8 INCENTIVE TO PASS A BUDGET IN A TIMELY MANNER. FIRST, A.C.A.-1
9 PROVIDES THAT IF A BUDGET BILL IS NOT ENACTED BY THE START OF
10 A NEW FISCAL YEAR LEGISLATORS FORFEIT THEIR PAY UNTIL THE
11 BUDGET IS PASSED. SECOND, A.C.A.-1 PROVIDES THAT A BUDGET AND
12 ANY RELATED LEGISLATION MAY BE PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE. BOTH
13 THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION AND THE
14 CALIFORNIA CITIZENS BUDGET COMMISSION HAVE RECOMMENDED A
15 MAJORITY VOTE FOR BUDGET PASSAGE. IT IS A LOGICAL STEP AND A
16 REMEDY FOR THE LONG COSTLY BUDGET BATTLES OF THE LAST DECADE.
17 I THEREFORE MOVE THE BOARD TAKE A POSITION ON A.C.A. AND SEND
18 A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER TO ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN LONGVILLE, CHAIR
19 OF THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, REAPPORTIONMENT
20 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY
21 DELEGATION AND THE GOVERNOR URGING SUPPORT OF A.C.A.-1 AND THE
22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR 2003/2004 BE
23 AMENDED TO REFLECT SUPPORT FOR THIS A.C.A.
24
25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND?



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2 **SPEAKER:** SECOND.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** ROLL CALL.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO VOTE "NO" ON THAT.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO SPLIT THE QUESTION ON THAT.

9 I SUPPORT THE ELIMINATION OF THE TWO-THIRDS VOTE. ONE PERSON

10 CAN HOLD UP OR A FEW PEOPLE CAN HOLD UP A BUDGET. USUALLY THEY

11 JUST STOP THE CLOCK AND I GUESS THAT WOULD PREVENT ANY OF THIS

12 FROM GOING INTO EFFECT WHEN THEY STOP THE CLOCK, BUT IT SEEMS

13 TO ME TO BE A BETTER APPROACH TO SAY THAT LEGISLATORS ARE NOT

14 GOING TO BE PAID UNTIL THERE'S A BUDGET WHEN A FEW PEOPLE HOLD

15 IT UP, I'M NOT PREPARED TO VOTE FOR THAT. BUT I -- FIRST OF

16 ALL, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE SPLIT THE QUESTION ON -- FIRST,

17 ON THE MAJORITY -- SIMPLE MAJORITY INSTEAD OF SUPERMAJORITY.

18 WOULD YOU CALL THE ROLL?

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

2

3 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR BURKE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE. THAT PORTION IS PASSED. ON THE SECOND
14 PORTION?

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE. I HOPE I'M VOTING CORRECTLY.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S ON THE SALARY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** YEAH I UNDERSTAND, I SUPPORT THE SALARY
23 LIMITATIONS. IS THAT CORRECT? OKAY.

24

25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ABSTAIN.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR BURKE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO. THAT PORTION OF IT DOES NOT PASS, SO WE
15 WILL PROVIDE A 5-LETTER ON THE SUPERMAJORITY ISSUE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THAT MAY BE A THREE-SIGNATURE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** A THREE-SIGNATURE LETTER?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT LET'S LEAVE THOSE SPACES BLANK.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH, LEAVE THE SPACES BLANK. OKAY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** FINE BY ME.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. NOW, IS THERE A MOTION TO
5 APPROVE IT WITH THE INDICATIONS OF THE EXCEPTIONS THAT WE HAVE
6 RECORDED? I'M NOT GOING TO TRY TO GO THROUGH THEM.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO MOVED.

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE ONE MORE -- I HAVE AN
11 AMENDMENT I NEED TO MAKE TO ONE OF THE ITEMS --

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, CERTAINLY.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BEFORE YOU DO THAT, ON ATTACHMENT 2, ITEM
16 NUMBER 3, WHICH HAS TO DO WITH THE WRIT PROCEDURE, AND YOU'VE
17 ALREADY, I THINK, DEALT WITH THE BILL SPECIFICALLY, WE WANT TO
18 AMEND THIS TO HAVE IT A BROADER IMPLICATION RATHER THAN JUST A
19 WRIT SO THAT ITEM NUMBER 3, INSTEAD OF SAYING ESTABLISHMENT OF
20 A WRIT PROCEDURE WOULD BE ESTABLISHMENT OF --

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WHAT PAGE ARE YOU ON?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** PAGE -- OUR PAGE ONE, THEIR PAGE TWO.
25 ATTACHMENT 2. SO YOU HAVE TO GO TO -- IT'S AFTER PAGE 30.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THIS WOULD BE --

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4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S TO --

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WATER QUALITY?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO. IT'S ATTACHMENT 2 COUNTY SPONSORED PROGRAM
9 SPECIFIC NUMBER 3, ESTABLISHMENT OF A WRIT PROCEDURE FOR
10 PLACEMENT ORDERS OF CHILDREN.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH, OKAY. IT'S ON MY PAGE 2.

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. IT'S ON OUR PAGE 1.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T HAVE AN ATTACHMENT 2.

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOU DON'T HAVE ATTACHMENT 2?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOUR AMENDMENT WOULD BE.

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT WOULD BE TO ESTABLISH ESTABLISHMENT OF
23 PROCEDURES TO SHORTEN APPEALS AFFECTING THE ADOPTION OF
24 CHILDREN, SO IT'S BROADER THAN JUST WRIT, AND THEN THE LAST,



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1 IT WOULD -- THEREFORE IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT COUNTY SPONSOR
2 LEGISLATION TO SHORTEN THE AMOUNT OF TIME ON ADOPTION APPEALS.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD SO MOVE. IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT?
5 IS THERE A SECOND?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECOND.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT
10 AMENDMENT? HEARING NONE, THEN THE -- WE HAVE A MOTION TO
11 APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS. IT'S
12 BEEN MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH THAT WE
13 APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN READ
14 INTO THE RECORD BY EACH ONE OF THE MEMBERS. SO I WOULD SAY
15 THAT ALL OF THOSE IN FAVOR, SAY AYE, AND IF YOU HAVE AN
16 EXCEPTION, JUST SAY NO, AND THEN WE'LL SAY IT AT THIS --

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** SO AS LONG AS IF THE RECORD REFLECTS OUR "NO"
19 VOTES.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THE RECORD WILL SHOW THE "NO"
22 VOTES. THE AMENDMENT IS THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM IS ADOPTED
23 WITH THE EXCEPTIONS AS RECORDED. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS,
24 IF NOT, SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I MOVE TODAY
2 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF EDWARD DAVENPORT, PASSED AWAY ON
3 FEBRUARY 4, 2003. HE DEDICATED MORE THAN 40 YEARS OF HIS LIFE
4 TO PROTECT AND SERVE THE PEOPLE OF LONG BEACH. CAPTAIN
5 DAVENPORT JOINED THE LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 1962 AND
6 SERVED ON SEVERAL UNITS, INCLUDING PATROL, MOTORCYCLE PATROL,
7 AND SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS. DAVENPORT'S LONGEST ASSIGNMENT BY
8 FAR WAS WITH THE S.W.A.T. TEAM. HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATION
9 TO THE ELITE UNIT EARNED HIM THE NICKNAME PAPPA S.W.A.T. AMONG
10 HIS FELLOW OFFICERS. HE DIED SUDDENLY THE OTHER DAY AT THE
11 POLICE TRAINING RANGE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, BEVERLY,
12 CHILDREN ROBERT, DARREN, AND CHRISTIE, THREE BROTHERS, ONE
13 SISTER, AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
14 OF SISTER RAYMUNDE MCKAY, SHE WAS THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF
15 MERRYMOUNT COLLEGE WHO HELPED COMPLETE THE MERGER WITH LOYOLA
16 UNIVERSITY THAT FORMED LOYOLA MERRYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, THE
17 LARGEST CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. ALSO THAT
18 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT ROMERO. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
19 WIFE, GAYLE ANN. HIS CHILDREN, CRYSTAL, MARK, AND JAMIE, AND
20 HIS BROTHER, ANDREW. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MR. DOUGLAS
21 MARTIN. HE CO-FOUNDED THE WEST SIDE CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT
22 LIVING IN MAR VISTA AREA AND WAS CONSIDERED A HERO IN THE
23 DISABLED COMMUNITY BECAUSE OF HIS ACTIVISM IN HIS HELPING
24 SECURE PASSAGE OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 AND THE A.D.A
25 ACT OF 1988. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE RAYLYNN RAINE AND HIS



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1 MOTHER JULIA. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. LEO JAMES
2 GROLD, A RESIDENT AND PRACTICED PSYCHIATRY IN THE COMMUNITY OF
3 DEL RAY FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN NUMEROUS
4 PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND WAS AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE 1996
5 OLYMPICS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING PROGRAM. HE IS
6 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, JAN AND HIS CHILDREN, ERIC, KEVIN AND
7 KATHY.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** I BELIEVE THE ONLY ITEM THAT I HAD HELD WAS ITEM
12 19, AND WE DID THAT ALREADY.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO FIRST MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
17 MEMORY OF CHRISTINE SOH, WHO WAS A STUDENT AT CRESCENTA VALLEY
18 HIGH SCHOOL WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED THIS PAST WEEK CROSSING
19 THE SCHOOL'S CROSSWALK BY A INTOXICATED DRIVER. OUR OFFICE IS
20 ALSO GOING TO -- I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH COORDINATING A
21 MEETING WITH THE L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, THE CITY OF
22 GLENDALE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE GLENDALE UNIFIED
23 SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL TO IMPROVE
24 THE AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF THE AREA AND TO ENHANCE THE
25 ROAD SAFETY IN THAT AREA. IT'S A STREET THAT'S SHARED BY TWO



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1 JURISDICTIONS. ONE SIDE IS THE CITY OF GLENDALE AND THE OTHER
2 SIDE IS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND A DESIRE TO WORK TO
3 MITIGATE ANY FUTURE TRAGEDIES FROM THAT. I WOULD MOVE THAT WE
4 ADJOURN IN CHRISTINE'S MEMORY. ALSO, DOROTHY JENSON, A LONG-
5 TIME RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. SHE WAS AN
6 INTERIOR DESIGNER AND DID ENGLISH GARDEN LANDSCAPING, WAS A
7 VERY GOOD FRIEND, QUITE ACTIVE IN THE CHURCH ON THE WAY IN VAN
8 NUYS. A VERY LONG-TIME FRIEND AND GOOD FAMILY FRIEND, JOE
9 COTTAGE WHO PASSED AWAY, HE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE DALMATION
10 CLUB OF SAN PEDRO AND MANY OF THE ACTIVITIES. ALSO HE WAS A
11 ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SHRINE. HE LEAVES A SON, JULIO, AND A
12 DAUGHTER. ALSO IN MEMORY OF DR. JOHN WILSON, WHO WAS A FORMER
13 CHIEF OF SURGERY AT SAINT VINCENT'S MEDICAL CENTER AND CHIEF
14 OF STAFF AND CHIEF OF SURGERY FOR THE QUEEN OF ANGELS MEDICAL
15 CENTER AND ON THE STAFF AT GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, ACTIVE
16 MEMBER OF THE KNIGHT OF THE SAINT GREGORY KNIGHT OF MALTA AND
17 THE KNIGHT OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER. AND MARILYN CANFIELD WHO
18 PASSED AWAY, SHE WAS ADMINISTRATOR AT THE P.E.O. RETIREMENT
19 HOME PRIOR TO RETIRING, AND WAS ACTIVE AT THE FIRST
20 CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN GLENDALE FOR MORE THAN 52 YEARS.
21 ALSO, WE DISCUSSED THE ISSUE OF MISSING SEX OFFENDERS AND
22 HELPING TO FIND THEM, JUDGE J.D. SMITH HAS GIVEN US A PROPOSAL
23 SO I'D LIKE TO GIVE THAT TO THE C.A.O. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF
24 PEOPLE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FROM THE JUDICIARY WHO WOULD
25 LIKE TO ASSIST IN THAT. SO GET A REPORT ON THAT, DAVID, AND



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1 THAT'S ALL I HAVE, MADAM CHAIR. DID YOU DO THE ARTS
2 COMMISSION?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE
5 ADJOURNMENTS? SHE DOESN'T HAVE ADJOURNMENTS? DOES SHE HAVE
6 ADJOURNMENTS? WE HAVE ANOTHER MEETING THAT WE HAVE -- I'M
7 SORRY. WE HAVE ANOTHER MEETING WE HAVE TO CALL ANYHOW AT
8 11:30, WE HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING, SO I WILL CALL THAT SPECIAL
9 MEETING AT THIS TIME, AND IF SHE HAS ADJOURNMENTS, WE CAN TAKE
10 THEM AT THE CONCLUSION OF THAT. WOULD THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
11 SERVICE PLEASE COME FORWARD. WHILE WE'RE GIVING OUT ACCOLADES,
12 I REALLY WANT TO THANK OUR NEGOTIATING TEAM FOR THE WORK THEY
13 DID ON THE WAIVER OF THE -- AND WORKING WITH THE STATE AS WELL
14 AS WORKING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITH C.M.S. WE DO
15 APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND WE RECOGNIZE YOU'RE JUST IN
16 THE MIDDLE OF IT, TO THE C.A.O. AND TO YOU, MR. GARTHWAITE, TO
17 YOU, MR. LEAF, DR. GARTHWAITE AND MR. LEAF. WE DO APPRECIATE
18 THE KIND OF WORK YOU'VE DONE AND WE KNOW YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE,
19 YOU HAVE A LOT MORE TO GO, BUT I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE AT
20 THIS TIME TO SAY YOU HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB.

21

22 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS MORNING, AS I
23 GOT UP EARLY TO TRY TO BRAVE THE RAIN-SOAKED FREEWAYS, I
24 NOTICED THE ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATIONS WERE BEING ANNOUNCED,
25 AND AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING LIKE AN AWARD RECIPIENT THAT GOES



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1 ON TOO LONG AND WHILE I RECOGNIZE THERE'S STILL MUCH WORK TO
2 DO I WANT TO JUST TAKE A MOMENT ALSO TO THANK MANY PEOPLE
3 WHO'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN FOR THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE TO
4 STABILIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. TO THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS FOR SUPPORTING THE RESTRUCTURING, FOR THE COURAGE
6 TO PROPOSE MEASURE B AND FOR YOUR TIRELESS SUPPORT AND IN
7 GETTING THE ENGAGEMENT OF STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS. TO
8 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO THE GOVERNMENT AND HIS STAFF,
9 SUSAN KENNEDY, RICHARD FIGERO, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
10 AND HUMAN SERVICES, GRANLYN JOHNSON, DIANA BONTA, GIL
11 MARGOLES, PETER MACLAR, PETER HARBICH AND ESPECIALLY STAN
12 ROSENSTEIN. TO THE COUNTY, DAVID JANSSEN, BURT MARGOLAN AND
13 LEAH KAPURE, WHO HAVE THIS AMAZING ABILITY TO FOSTER DEBATE
14 THEN TO ACHIEVE CLARITY AND CONSENSUS. AND WITHIN THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FRED LEAF WHO GETS IT DONE EVERY
16 DAY ON TIME, AND OUR AMAZING BRAIN TRUSTS OF JOHN WALLACE,
17 JOHN FRIEDMAN, GARY WELLS, ALAN WECKER, DENISE RODRIGUEZ,
18 INGRID LAMERO, JEFF GUTERMAN, AZAR KITAN, JOHN FIELDING AND
19 JOHN SCHUNHOFF, ALL WHOM CONTRIBUTED ENORMOUSLY TO THIS
20 MEASURE. AND FINALLY AND CERTAINLY NOT LEAST TO THE S.C.I.U
21 WHO STEPPED FORWARD AND POUNDED THE PAVEMENT FOR MEASURE B AND
22 CONTRIBUTED MONEY FOR THE ADVERTISEMENTS WHICH I THINK WERE
23 ALSO HELPFUL IN ITS PASSAGE. THIS HAS BEEN REALLY A TEAM
24 EFFORT IN MANY WAYS AND I CAN'T THANK EVERYONE AND EVERYONE
25 I'VE FORGOTTEN ENOUGH. THESE ARE TOUGH ISSUES AND I THINK EVEN



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1 TOUGHER TIMES LIE AHEAD. THE STATE'S BUDGET DEFICIT AND THE
2 PRESIDENT'S MEDICAID REFORM PROPOSALS PREDICT THAT THIS TEAM
3 HAS A TOUGH SCHEDULE AHEAD OF IT. OUR CURRENT STATUS AS
4 DETAILED TO YOU IN TODAY'S REPORT DOCUMENT IS THAT WE HAVE
5 TAKEN ANOTHER LARGE STEP TOWARDS FINANCIAL STABILITY AT THE
6 SCENARIO THREE LEVEL. I THINK IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO
7 NOTE THAT WE CANNOT REVERSE DECISIONS ALREADY MADE, BUT THE
8 FEDERAL AND STATE ACTIONS ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY HELP TO PREVENT
9 FURTHER CUTS BEYOND THOSE ALREADY TAKEN, AT LEAST IN THE NEAR
10 TERM. WE HAVE CONSIDERABLE WORK REMAINING, HOWEVER. WE MUST
11 ACCOMPLISH THE EFFICIENCIES AND REDUCTIONS THAT YOU'VE ALREADY
12 VOTED FOR IN SCENARIO 3. WE MUST CONTINUE AND ACCELERATE OUR
13 TRANSFORMATION OF HOW CARE IS DELIVERED IN THE COUNTY HEALTH
14 SYSTEM. AND FINALLY, WE MUST CONTINUE OUR WORK WITH THE STATE
15 AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON FOUR REMAINING ISSUES. DISH
16 FLEXIBILITY, WHICH IS REALLY THE PROGRAMMATIC ISSUE THAT WE'VE
17 TALKING ABOUT FOR YEARS HERE. THAT IS TO REMOVE THE PERVERSE
18 INCENTIVE TO TREAT PATIENTS ON AN IN-PATIENT SIDE WHEN AN OUT-
19 PATIENT TREATMENT IS MORE APPROPRIATE. TO ACHIEVE THE PROPOSED
20 BUT NOT COMPLETED MEDICAL RATE ADJUSTMENTS, MEDI-CAL RATE
21 ADJUSTMENTS, TO EXPAND THE IMPACT OF MEASURE B BY MATCHING
22 PART OF THE MONEYS AND GOING TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR TRAUMA
23 CARE. AND FINALLY, FOR REMOVING BARRIERS TO IMPROVING OUR
24 MEDICARE PAYOR MIX. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.
25 WE WELCOME YOUR QUESTIONS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? YES, SUPERVISOR
3 YAROSLAVSKY.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO QUESTIONS.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME? OH. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** ARE YOU -- ON THE DISH FLEXIBILITY, IS THAT GOING
10 TO BE -- WHAT'S THE POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCE THERE,
11 DO YOU THINK?

12

13 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ESTIMATING ABOUT THE 25 TO 30 MILLION
14 DOLLARS PER YEAR ONGOING.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN YOU MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT INCREASE IN
17 MANAGED CARE MEDI-CAL RATES?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THAT'S IN THE RANGE OF \$40 MILLION PER
20 YEAR.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN THE MEASURE B MATCH WOULD BE...

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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T KNOW -- WE POTENTIALLY COULD
2 MATCH UP TO 25, BUT WE THINK IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO BE LOWER
3 THAN THAT, EVEN 15 TO 20 MILLION.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS MY QUESTION GOES BACK, YOU KNOW, THIS
6 POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND THE EARLY CLOSURE OF RANCHO,
7 YOU INDICATED ABOUT A 60-MILLION-DOLLAR SAVINGS, AND THAT --
8 THESE DOLLARS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR REPORT OF LAST JUNE
9 26TH, CORRECT?

10

11 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** SO I'M JUST -- AND I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS
14 ON THE TABLE, BUT I MEAN OBVIOUSLY THE ISSUE THAT I HAVE WAS
15 THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME CUSHION AT LEAST FOR SOME SUPPORT
16 OVER TRANSITION OF RANCHO INTO NOT-FOR-PROFIT AT SOME POINT
17 DOWN THE ROAD SHOULD ALL THESE THINGS COME TOGETHER? IS THAT
18 SOMETHING WE CAN LOOK AT, OR...

19

20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CERTAINLY, YOU KNOW, THE COMBINATION OF
21 ACTIONS IF ALL THE THINGS THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT COME TO
22 PASS, IT PUTS US IN A LOT BETTER STRAIT TO MAKE THOSE
23 DECISIONS, THAT'S OBVIOUSLY THE BOARD'S DECISION.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, OKAY. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR? ON -- JUST SO I'M CLEAR, ON THE
3 RANCHO SAVINGS, YOU'VE SHIFTED THAT FROM A LATER YEAR TO AN
4 EARLIER YEAR. ISN'T THAT THE CASE?

5

6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IN JUNE, YOU DID HAVE -- IN THE GLOBAL
9 PICTURE YOU DID HAVE SAVINGS FROM THE RANCHO CLOSURE, TAKING
10 IT OFF THE COUNTY BUDGET.

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CALCULATED IN A LONG-TERM SCENARIO.

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** BUT WE GAINED AN EXTRA 56 MILLION BY
17 MOVING IT UP A YEAR AND THAT WAS I BELIEVE IN OCTOBER.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU GAINED AN EXTRA 56 MILLION OVERALL?

20

21 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, BECAUSE YOU MOVED IT UP?

24

25 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ONE TIME. RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO I'M NOT DONE.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH I'M SORRY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU KNOW, I WANT TO JUST COMMEND THE WHOLE
9 TEAM AND JUST ECHO WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THE WHOLE TEAM, AND IT
10 WAS A GOOD TEAM EFFORT, AND NOT LEAST OF WHICH ARE THE PEOPLE
11 OF THE COUNTY WHO STEPPED UP AND ASSESSED THEMSELVES A
12 PROPERTY TAX FOR THE TRAUMA AND E.M.S. SYSTEM. I THINK WITHOUT
13 THAT, I THINK WE ALL KNOW WE'D BE -- THAT THIS BIG P.R.
14 ANNOUNCEMENT ON LAST FRIDAY WOULD HAVE AMOUNTED TO VERY
15 LITTLE. IT WOULD NOT HAVE PREVENTED THE CLOSURE OF TWO
16 ADDITIONAL HOSPITALS, NOT TO MENTION THE ONES WE'RE ALREADY
17 TALKING ABOUT CLOSING. SO IT WAS A BIG DEAL, AND IT WAS A TEAM
18 EFFORT. NOW, I JUST WANT TO ZERO IN ON THE SAVINGS, ON THE
19 CUTS AND THE SO-CALLED EFFICIENCIES AND ALL THAT SORT OF
20 THING, BECAUSE WHAT WE NEED TO KEEP REMINDING OURSELVES IS
21 THAT TO BRING THIS THING INTO BALANCE, IF WE EVER DO BRING IT
22 INTO BALANCE, IT REQUIRES SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN
23 THESE CUTS IN EFFICIENCIES. IS THAT CORRECT?

24

25 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE RANCHO DECISION WHICH THE BOARD MADE
3 TWO OR THREE WEEKS AGO IS PART OF THAT. THE HIGH DESERT IS
4 PART OF THAT. THE CLOSURE OF THE 11 CLINICS, WHICH ARE ALREADY
5 CLOSED, ARE PART OF THAT. THE DOWNSIZING OF L.A. COUNTY U.S.C.
6 IS PART OF THAT.

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE EFFICIENCIES AT MARTIN LUTHER KING.

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT IS THE ANNUAL SAVINGS IN THOSE
15 SPECIFICALLY, IF I COULD ASK, JUST ON M.L.K?

16

17 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'VE GOT THAT COMING.

18

19 **FRED LEAF:** YEAH ON THE 16% EFFICIENCIES IN 5-6 THE CUMULATIVE
20 TOTAL WOULD BE 61.9 MILLION DOLLARS.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT IS IT ANNUALLY AS YOU WORK YOUR WAY
23 INTO IT, WHAT ARE YOU ASSUMING THIS YEAR FOR EXAMPLE?

24

25 **FRED LEAF:** 02-03 IS 2.8 MILLION --



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 2.8?

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4 **FRED LEAF:** THE FOLLOWING YEAR 20.9, THE FOLLOWING WOULD BE
5 46.2, THE FINAL YEAR WOULD BE A TOTAL OF 60.1.

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** LIKE 21 THIS YEAR.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND -- SO ALL OF THOSE THINGS, EACH ONE OF
10 THOSE THINGS, IT'S 60 MILLION HERE, IT'S 70 MILLION THERE, AND
11 IT ADDS UP TO SEVERAL HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE'RE
12 TALKING ABOUT. FAILURE TO ACHIEVE THAT IS -- IT MEANS THAT WE
13 PUT OTHER PARTS OF OUR SYSTEM IN JEOPARDY AND I THINK WE NEED
14 TO KEEP REMINDING OURSELVES OF THAT. I KNOW THAT THE CHAIR
15 MADE THAT STATEMENT, THAT VERY CLEAR ON FRIDAY AT THE
16 ANNOUNCEMENT. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO REMEMBER THAT
17 THIS IS A VERY DYNAMIC BUSINESS. JUST THE MEDICAID PROPOSALS
18 THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED NOW BY THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION, JUST A
19 STROKE OF THE PEN IN WASHINGTON CAN COST US A HUNDRED OR 200
20 MILLION DOLLARS WITHOUT THEM EVEN THINKING ABOUT IT OR KNOWING
21 ABOUT IT, JUST AS A STROKE OF THE PEN PRODUCED AN EXTRA
22 HUNDRED MILLION OR 50 MILLION DOLLARS ON FRIDAY. THE LORD
23 GIVETH, THE LORD TAKETH AWAY, AND WE'VE BEEN USUALLY THE
24 TAKETH AWAY SIDE OF THE EQUATION MORE THAN ON THE RECEIVING
25 END, SO I JUST DON'T GET A LOT OF COMFORT LEVEL WHEN WE'RE AT



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1 THE BOTTOM OF THE FOOD CHAIN, AND THAT'S WHERE WE ARE. THE
2 LAST THING I WANT TO SAY, AND I WANT TO KIND OF LEAD TO A
3 MOTION WHICH MS. MOLINA AND I WANT TO INTRODUCE, AND THAT IS,
4 I KNOW THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CONVERSATION ABOUT THE
5 PRIVATIZATION OR THE CONVERSION TRANSITION OF RANCHO INTO A
6 PRIVATE NONPROFIT. I DON'T THINK THERE'S A SINGLE ONE OF US
7 WHO DOESN'T WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN AND WHO ARE TRYING TO HELP
8 MAKE THAT HAPPEN. AND I'LL JUST TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, IF
9 THERE'S A BILLIONAIRE WITHIN THE SOUND OF MY VOICE WHO WANTS
10 TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THAT, CALL ME AT 213-974-3333,
11 CALL COLLECT, AND I'M SURE MR. KNABE AND THE REST OF US WILL
12 TAKE THAT CALL, TOO, BUT I'M VERY CONCERNED THAT WE NOT DELUDE
13 OURSELVES, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT AT THIS JUNCTURE, I
14 THINK A NUMBER OF US HAVE FOLLOWED THIS, A NUMBER OF US HAVE
15 TALKED TO JACK SHAIKLEY, JACK WAS HERE TWO OR THREE WEEKS AGO
16 WHEN WE HAD THIS ITEM BEFORE US, AND I GIVE HIM A LOT OF
17 CREDIT, HE IS WORKING HARD TO TRY TO PUT SOMETHING TOGETHER
18 HERE, BUT HE'LL BE THE FIRST TO TELL YOU HE HASN'T PUT IT
19 TOGETHER YET, BUT HE'S OPTIMISTIC. BUT I THINK WE NEED TO SEND
20 A CLEAR MESSAGE TO YOU AND TO EVERYBODY OUT THERE WHAT
21 CONSTITUTES SUCCESS. AND, YOU KNOW, THINGS LIKE, WELL I GOT
22 TO, YOU KNOW, THE HEAD OF THE GARTHWAITE FOUNDATION IS ON A
23 FISHING TRIP IN NEPAL BUT HE'LL BE BACK IN THREE WEEKS AND I
24 KNOW I CAN GET A COUPLE MILLION OUT OF HIM. THAT'S NOT A
25 COMMITMENT. YOU KNOW, AND I THINK THE TEMPLATE I WOULD USE IS



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1 WHAT WE USED IN THE DISNEY CONCERT HALL WHEN WE WERE SEEKING
2 ASSURANCE, IF THAT'S THE RIGHT WORD, EVEN GUARANTEE FROM THE
3 PRIVATE DONORS, IT WAS MORE OF A GUARANTEE, BEFORE WE
4 PROCEEDED DOWN THE PATH OF THAT PROJECT, THAT WE NEEDED SOME
5 KIND OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT, FINANCIAL GUARANTEE, A PLEDGE, A
6 LEGALLY-BINDING BINDING PLEDGE FROM THE DONORS, THE PRIVATE
7 DONORS, THAT THEY WERE THERE. SO WHEN SOMEBODY SAID, "I'M
8 GIVING FIVE MILLION OR 10 OR 15 MILLION DOLLARS TO DISNEY
9 CONCERT HALL", IT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A SIGNED PLEDGE THAT HAD
10 SOME LEGAL AND FINANCIAL BACKING BEHIND IT, AND THAT'S THE
11 ONLY WAY THAT YOU EVER WOULD HAVE SIGNED OFF OR YOUR
12 PREDECESSOR WOULD HAVE EVER SIGNED OFF ON PROCEEDING DOWN THE
13 CONSTRUCTION PATH, BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT TO GET STUCK IN THE
14 MIDDLE HOLDING THE BILL, WITH A BILL HOLDING THE BAG. AND
15 THAT'S THE SAME SITUATION I'M CONCERNED ABOUT HERE AND I THINK
16 THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT EVERYBODY UNDERSTAND THAT, YOU KNOW,
17 WHATEVER THE AMOUNT OF MONEY IS, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS
18 THAT GETS YOU TO A TRANSITION PLAN THAT THEN GETS YOU TO A
19 PRIVATE NONPROFIT, WHETHER IT'S 25 OR 50 OR \$75 MILLION OVER A
20 TWO OR TWO-1/2-YEAR PERIOD. I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW LONG THE
21 PERIOD IS, THAT ONCE WE MAKE THAT DETERMINATION, THAT IT'S GOT
22 TO BE MORE THAN "I KNOW I CAN GET A FEW MILLION BUCKS OUT OF
23 THAT FOUNDATION OR OUT OF THAT PHILANTHROPIST". IT'S GOT TO BE
24 THAT THE PHILANTHROPIST HAS SIGNED ON THE DOTTED LINE AND SAID
25 "I'M GOOD FOR IT AND HERE'S WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO GET IT, AND



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1 HERE'S IN WHAT INCREMENTS YOU'RE GOING TO GET IT AND WHEN
2 YOU'RE GOING TO GET IT" AND THAT SORT OF THING. AND IT'S DONE
3 IN THE PHILANTHROPIC WORLD ALL THE TIME AND I THINK THAT'S A
4 STANDARD WE HAVE TO SET. THE SECOND THING I WANT THAT'S ALSO
5 PART OF THIS MOTION IS I THINK THE TIME NOW IS -- HAS COME TO
6 BEGIN TO HOLD YOUR FEET TO THE FIRE ON ALL OF THE CUTS AND
7 EFFICIENCIES, DEPENDING ON ONE'S POINT OF VIEW AND DEPENDING
8 ON THE CUTS, AND FOR YOU TO -- AS PART OF YOUR UPDATES AND --
9 YOU KNOW, AS PART OF THIS COMMITTEE THAT HOLDS ACTIVITIES,
10 THAT YOU PRESENT US WITH A PROGRESS REPORT ON A REGULAR BASIS
11 OF WHERE YOU ARE ON THE EFFICIENCIES AT M.L.K., WHERE WE ARE
12 ON RANCHO, WHERE WE ARE, I MEAN COUNTY U.S.C. IS PRETTY
13 SIMPLE, BUT THE OTHERS ARE NOT THAT SIMPLE, AND WHAT WE'VE
14 DONE, WE'VE DONE, WHAT WE STILL NEED TO BE DOING, I'M
15 PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE THINGS THAT ARE DIFFICULT,
16 THAT ARE GOING TO TAKE SOME -- WELL, THEY'RE JUST PLAIN
17 DIFFICULT, AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE MOVING ALONG
18 THOSE LINES BECAUSE IF WE'RE NOT, THEN THAT CHANGES ALL OF
19 YOUR ASSUMPTIONS AND EVERY ONE OF YOUR SPREADSHEETS, BIG TIME.
20 AND THERE ARE THREE COMPONENT PARTS TO THE SOLUTION -- TO THE
21 STABILIZATION, I WOULDN'T CALL THIS A SOLUTION, THE
22 STABILIZATION OF OUR PROBLEM, THE BIGGEST CHUNK WAS MEASURE B.
23 THE SECOND BIGGEST CHUNK IS THE CUTS. AND ONLY THE THIRD
24 BIGGEST CHUNK, THE LEAST OF IT, IS THE FEDERAL AND STATE
25 MONEY. SO IF, YOU KNOW, MEASURE B IS THERE, BUT IF THE CUTS



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1 AND THE EFFICIENCIES AREN'T THERE, THEN YOU'VE JUST BALLOONED
2 OUR PROBLEM RIGHT BACK TO WHERE IT WAS AND WE'RE BACK TO
3 TALKING ABOUT A TWO-HOSPITAL SYSTEM INSTEAD OF A FOUR-HOSPITAL
4 SYSTEM. AND THAT'S REALLY BEEN THE DEBATE FROM DAY ONE AS
5 WE'VE BEEN GOING -- THE ISSUE -- THE CHOICE FOR US HAS BEEN
6 WHETHER WE GO FROM SIX TO TWO HOSPITALS OR FROM SIX TO FOUR
7 HOSPITALS. AND I KNOW WE HAVE A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ABOUT
8 WHERE WE SHOULD BE, BUT THAT'S BASICALLY BEEN THE DIFFERENCE
9 BETWEEN YOUR TWO OPTIONS, AND THANKS TO THESE OTHER FACTORS
10 THAT HAVE COME INTO PLAY, WE ARE NOW REASONABLY ASSURED FOR
11 THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE OF BEING IN A FOUR-HOSPITAL SYSTEM AS
12 OPPOSED TO SOMETHING LESS THAN THAT. SO I WANT TO READ THIS
13 MOTION. THAT'S THE PREAMBLE. [LAUGHS] AND I'LL SPARE EVERYBODY
14 THE PREAMBLE, THEREFORE, AND JUST READ THIS. MS. MOLINA AND I
15 JOINTLY BRING THIS IN. WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THIS BOARD
16 REQUIRE THAT ANY PLAN PRESENTED TO IT TO KEEP RANCHO LOS
17 AMIGOS REHABILITATION HOSPITAL OPEN UNDER PRIVATE NONPROFIT
18 OWNERSHIP INCLUDE FIRM COMMITMENTS FOR DOWNSIZING AND COST
19 ADJUSTMENTS, A SOLID BUSINESS PLAN FOR OPERATING WHILE
20 TRANSITIONING TO A NONPROFIT STATUS AND PRO FORMA FINANCIALS
21 WHICH DEMONSTRATE THE VIABILITY OF THE HOSPITAL UNDER
22 NONPROFIT GOVERNANCE. WE FURTHER MOVE THAT EACH SUBSEQUENT
23 MEETING OF THIS HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE
24 WHOLE, THE DEPARTMENT BE INSTRUCTED TO PRESENT A DETAILED
25 REPORT ON THE STATUS AND DEPARTMENT-WIDE COST SAVINGS WHICH



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1 THE DEPARTMENT IS COMMITTED TO ACHIEVE AND THE BOARD APPROVED
2 LAST JUNE. THIS INCLUDE \$37 MILLION IN SAVINGS EXPECTED TO BE
3 ACHIEVED AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. AND MARTIN LUTHER KING
4 HOSPITALS ALONE, AS WELL AS SAVINGS IN OUR COMPREHENSIVE
5 HEALTH CENTERS -- HEALTH CENTERS -- PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES,
6 PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES, P.P.P. VISITS, ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, AND
7 OTHER CATEGORIES. OBVIOUSLY WE HAD A TYPO THERE. AND THE FIRM
8 COMMITMENTS ALSO ARE FIRM COMMITMENTS FOR FINANCIAL -- FOR
9 PRIVATE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, WHICH IS MISSING IN THIS. WE
10 NEED TO HAVE THAT AS PART OF ANY PROPOSAL THAT YOU ACCEPT AS
11 REALISTIC. AND IT'S ANOTHER WAY OF SAYING THAT IF YOU DON'T
12 HAVE THOSE KINDS OF COMMITMENTS, AND YOU DON'T HAVE THAT KIND
13 OF CONFIDENCE, THEN I DON'T THINK, JUDGING BY WHAT WE'LL DO
14 HERE TODAY, IS YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE
15 BOARD THAT THAT'S A VIABLE PLAN. SO VIABILITY IS CRITICAL TO
16 ANYTHING WE DO IN THE WEEKS AHEAD. WE'VE GIVEN THEM BASICALLY
17 -- WE HAVEN'T GIVEN THEM -- YOU'VE GIVEN THEM, BY YOUR OWN
18 PROCESSES, 60 DAYS BEFORE YOU START TO EXECUTE THE CLOSURE
19 PLAN. THEY ARE SCURRYING TO TRY TO SALVAGE THIS AND SALVAGE
20 HAS TO BE DEFINED AS FIRM COMMITMENTS, A BUSINESS PLAN, A
21 FINANCIAL PLAN, A PRO FORMA LONG-TERM SO THAT WE KNOW WHAT
22 WE'RE GETTING INTO AS WE DID WITH THE CONCERT HALL AND WITH A
23 LOT OF OTHER THINGS THAT WE DON'T END UP BEING LEFT HOLDING
24 THE BAG, SO THAT'S MY MOTION -- OUR MOTION.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 60 DAYS AND YOUR
2 MOTION? I MEAN --

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOTHING. THIS IS -- THIS IS JUST A -- AN
5 AMENDMENT TO TODAY'S REPORT.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD HAVE ONE QUESTION. WHEN CAN WE
8 EXPECT TO GET SOME KIND OF AN ESTIMATE OF WHAT THIS PRO FORMA
9 SHOULD SAY, AND EXACTLY WHAT THE REQUIRED COMMITMENTS THAT
10 WILL BE NEEDED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS IN ORDER TO MAKE SOME OF
11 THESE PROJECTIONS? AT THIS POINT, WE HAVE NO REAL NUMBERS OF
12 WHAT WOULD BE REQUIRED, BECAUSE AS MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT
13 THE COST OF OPERATING IT AS A PUBLIC FACILITY IS CONSIDERABLY
14 DIFFERENT THAN THE COST IN OPERATING IT AS A PRIVATE FACILITY.
15 THERE ARE ALSO SOME THINGS THAT WOULD BE DEPENDENT UPON
16 CONTRACTS THAT WOULD BE ENTERED INTO WITH H.M.O.S, P.P.O.S AND
17 OTHERS THAT I'M NOT SURE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WOULD HAVE THOSE
18 ENTERED INTO PRIOR TO THE TIME WE MAKE OUR COMMITMENT. SO MY
19 QUESTION WOULD BE TO DR. GARTHWAITE, WHEN WILL WE GET THE
20 NUMBERS SO WE CAN KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE ON --
21 FOR YEAR ONE, YEAR TWO, AND YEAR THREE. AND ALSO, MY NEXT
22 QUESTION WOULD BE OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WOULD THAT
23 ANTICIPATE THAT THOSE CONTRACTS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE IT
24 VIABLE ALSO BE ENTERED INTO PRIOR TO THE TIME THAT THE ENTITY
25 EXISTS FOR US TO GO FORWARD WITH THE ENTITY.



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I'D LIKE TO SAY A COUPLE THINGS.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT ANTICIPATED IN YOUR MOTION? THAT'S
5 REALLY NOT VERY CLEAR.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE YOU WANT TO HAVE
8 ANSWERED FIRST.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I'LL ASK DR. GARTHWAITE FIRST.

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** LET ME SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS NOW JUST
13 FOR IT TO AMPLIFY, WE'VE BEEN MEETING WITH SEVERAL STAFF,
14 CLINICIANS, FINANCIAL STAFF, OTHERS ALONG WITH GIL BALZANO,
15 THE CONSULTANTS HIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
16 AND THEIR STAFF. WE'VE HAD SEVERAL MULTI-HOUR MEETINGS, I
17 THINK THERE'S ONE GOING ON THIS AFTERNOON PROBABLY AS WE
18 SPEAK. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO, THE BEST-CASE SCENARIO OUT OF
19 THIS FOR RANCHO IS TO BE A SMALLER, DOWN-SIZED SUBUNIT AS A
20 BRIDGE TO NONPROFIT, SO WE'RE FULL BORE TO THAT MODEL. WE'RE
21 SIMULTANEOUSLY TRYING TO GET THE FINANCES OF THAT MODEL
22 DETERMINED AS WE DEVELOP THE MODEL AS TO WHAT IT MIGHT BE. I'M
23 NOT -- I DON'T KNOW. WHAT DO YOU THINK IN TERMS OF THE TIMING?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THAT'S THE HUNDRED-BED MODEL. CORRECT?



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2 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. 135-BED.

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4 **FRED LEAF:** 150 WITH THAT.

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6 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE'RE LOOKING AT A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT
7 ONES, THAT'S PROBABLY A COUPLE -- A MONTH MAYBE, OR LESS, A
8 COUPLE OF WEEKS?

9

10 **FRED LEAF:** YES, THE CONSULTING GROUP WORKING FOR THE
11 FOUNDATION HAS COMMITTED TO HAVING IT TO US A COUPLE OF WEEKS
12 PRIOR TO THE DATE IT'S DUE TO THE BOARD IN THE 60, 70-DAY TIME
13 FRAME, SO I WOULD SAY IN ABOUT THREE MORE WEEKS WE WOULD BE
14 ABLE TO REVIEW THE FIRST DRAFT OF THEIR FEASIBILITY STUDY, AND
15 THEN ONCE AS DR. GARTHWAITE MENTIONED, WE COME UP WITH THIS
16 CONFIGURATION THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE FOUNDATION AS
17 FAR AS SELLING IT AS A PRIVATE -- PUBLIC ENTITY -- I MEAN A
18 NONPROFIT OPERATION, ONCE WE COME UP WITH THAT MODEL THAT THEY
19 BELIEVE WOULD BE SOMETHING THEY WOULD WANT TO MAINTAIN AS THEY
20 TRANSITION, THEN WE'LL KNOW THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IT AND
21 WHAT IT -- HOW MANY YEARS IT WOULD TAKE TO TRANSITION IN THE
22 COSTS ASSOCIATED AS FAR AS THE BOARD, THE SUPERVISORS WOULD
23 HAVE TO APPROVE IN TERMS OF NET COUNTY COSTS AS WE MOVE
24 FORWARD.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS IT ANTICIPATED THAT WE WOULD ACTUALLY
2 ESTABLISH THIS NONPROFIT, OR ARE WE ANTICIPATING THAT WE WOULD
3 TRY TO FIND SOME EXISTING FACILITY THAT WOULD COME IN AND STEP
4 IN OR SOME PRIVATE NONPROFIT THAT WOULD COME IN SEPARATE AND
5 APART FROM SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD ESTABLISH, OR IS THAT --
6 HAVE WE COME TO THAT POINT YET?

7

8 **FRED LEAF:** NO.

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THE WAY I'VE UNDERSTOOD IT WAS THAT THE
11 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS WELL ESTABLISHED IN NOT-
12 FOR-PROFIT IN THEIR RECRUITING BOARD MEMBERS SURVEY, IS MY
13 UNDERSTANDING.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, I SEE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE ANSWER YOUR QUESTION THAT YOU ASKED OF
18 ME, IS I THINK THAT'S WHAT THEIR CONSULTANT SHOULD ADDRESS
19 WHEN THEY COME BACK TO US. THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO ADDRESS
20 EVERYTHING IN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS, BUT THEY'LL BE ABLE TO
21 TELL YOU WHAT THEY CAN ADDRESS AND WHAT THEY CAN'T AND WHY NOT
22 AND HOW THEY PLAN TO ADDRESS IT IN THE LONG-TERM, AND THAT'S
23 NOT FOR US TO DO, IT'S REALLY FOR US TO RECEIVE THE REPORT. I
24 THINK THEY'RE ALREADY THINKING IN THOSE TERMS, THAT'S WHEN
25 THEY ADDRESSED US HERE A FEW WEEKS AGO, THAT WAS WHAT THEY



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1 WERE TALKING ABOUT, BUT THIS IS THEIR -- THEY'VE TAKEN ON THE
2 CHALLENGE. THEY WILL GIVE US -- THEIR CONSULTANT IS PREPARED -
3 - SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES, SO I'M --

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH I MEAN THAT WAS THE WHOLE PART OF THEIR
6 REPORT, IS THE INABILITY OF THE COUNTY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS
7 AND THOSE THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO A NOT-FOR-PROFIT VERSUS A
8 PUBLIC FACILITY. SO THEY'RE BEING VERY AGGRESSIVE IN THEIR
9 BUSINESS PLAN IN GETTING THOSE DOLLARS AND HOPEFULLY YOU'RE
10 RETURNING IN KIND YOUR ABILITY TO GIVE THEM THE NUMBERS THAT
11 THEY NEED AS TO WHAT THE COUNTY COSTS WOULD BE WITHOUT A
12 RANCHO AS WELL, TOO SO.

13

14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. LIKE I SAY, WE'VE HAD PROBABLY
15 THREE OR FOUR MEETINGS ALREADY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** YES I MEAN THE CRITICAL ELEMENT IS THAT DOWN-SIZED
18 VERSION. I MEAN, THE NUMBERS DON'T WORK UNLESS YOU -- I MEAN,
19 WHEN YOU SAY 150, I THOUGHT YOU WERE TALKING A HUNDRED BED,
20 MAYBE 125 MAX, THE NUMBERS THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT, AND -- YOU
21 MENTIONED A HIGHER BED COUNT.

22

23 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE'VE LOOKED AT - WE'VE ORIGINALLY
24 LOOKED AT A HUNDRED AND 150 BEDS WITH OCCUPANCY BEING ABOUT
25 130 SOME PATIENTS VERSUS 80 PATIENTS. AND RIGHT NOW, YOU KNOW,



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1 THE PART WE'RE WORKING WITH THEM WITH IS TO RETAIN THE RIGHT
2 STAFF SO WE HAVE THE RIGHT MIX OF REHAB AND MEDICAL SERVICES.
3 [MIXED VOICES].

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT REDUCED BED NUMBER IS A CRITICAL ELEMENT IN
6 THIS WHOLE PROCESS, NOT AS IT STANDS TODAY.

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT. COMPLICATED BY SOME OF THE
9 PATIENTS YOU PUT IN THE BEDS BRING MONEY WITH THEM AND SOME
10 DON'T, AND SO WE'VE GOT TO WORK THOSE MODELS THROUGH SO.

11

12 **FRED LEAF:** BUT INCLUDED IN THEIR PLAN IS, THE KEY ELEMENT IN
13 THEIR PLAN IS THE TRANSITION PERIOD, HOW LONG THEY ASSUME IT
14 WILL TAKE THEM TO TRANSITION OVER TO THE NONPROFIT AND THEN
15 KEY TO THAT IS DURING THAT TRANSITION PERIOD, DEPENDING ON HOW
16 LONG IT IS, WHAT WILL IT COST FOR US, THE COUNTY, TO MAINTAIN
17 THE FACILITY AND WHAT WILL BE THE TRANSITION MONEY COMING IN
18 TO OFFSET THAT COST.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I MEAN, THEIR WHOLE REASON D'ETRE
21 RIGHT NOW IS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THAT TRANSITION PERIOD. IT'S
22 NOT A COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY. IT'S GOING TO BE THEIR PRIMARY
23 RESPONSIBILITY. NOW, DEPENDING ON WHERE THEY COME BACK, WE MAY
24 -- WHO KNOWS, BUT THIS IS PRECISELY WHY I BROUGHT THIS UP,
25 BECAUSE I DON'T WANT THERE TO BE, AT LEAST SPEAKING FOR



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1 MYSELF, ANY AMBIGUITY ABOUT WHERE THIS IS GOING. YOU KNOW, WE
2 MADE A DECISION ON THIS, A GUT WRENCHING DECISION, BUT WE MADE
3 THE DECISION ABOUT IT FOR THE REASONS WE'VE ALREADY DISCUSSED,
4 THAT IT'S EITHER PUT THIS AT RISK OR PUT THE REST OF OUR
5 MISSION AT RISK, AND IT'S ONE OF THOSE TOUGH CHOICES THAT WE
6 HAD TO MAKE. WE'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO COME BACK AND SAY
7 "NEVER MIND." WE JUST CAN'T DO THAT, OR WE'RE GOING TO BE
8 RIGHT BACK THREATENING TO CLOSE HARBOR U.C.L.A OR OLIVE VIEW
9 OR BOTH, AND CLOSING OTHER CLINICS AND P.P.P.S. SO THAT'S
10 PRECISELY WHY I'VE BEEN NERVOUS, BECAUSE PEOPLE AROUND HERE
11 START TALKING THEMSELVES INTO THINGS, AND I'VE DONE IT MYSELF.
12 I'M NOT IMMUNE FROM THIS DISEASE. YOU END UP DELUDING YOURSELF
13 BY TALKING YOURSELF INTO THINGS AND ONLY REMEMBERING THE GOOD
14 THINGS, IT'S KIND OF LIKE ANESTHESIA, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU COME
15 OFF ANESTHESIA, YOU DON'T REMEMBER THE PAIN, AND I'M CONCERNED
16 THAT WE NOT GET INTO THAT MODE AND THAT YOU NOT GET INTO THAT
17 MODE AND THAT THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT'S EXPECTED OF THEM. WE'RE
18 NOT GOING TO FUND THIS TRANSITION PERIOD. WE DON'T HAVE THE
19 FUNDS TO FUND THE TRANSITION PERIOD. AND WHEN JACK SHAIKLEY
20 CAME HERE, WHEN HE'S TALKED TO US, YOU KNOW, PRIOR AND SINCE,
21 IT'S ABOUT RAISING THE FUNDS FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD. THE
22 LONG-TERM, ONCE IT GETS INTO A PRIVATE NOT FOR PROFIT, THE
23 IDEA IS THAT IT'LL BE SELF-SUSTAINING AND WE WON'T NEED TO BE
24 TALKING ABOUT THIS ANYMORE, BUT FOR OUR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS
25 THE INDIGENT, WHATEVER OUR CONTRIBUTION IS TO COVER OUR



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1 LEGALLY OBLIGATED PATIENTS. SO THAT'S PRECISELY MY CONCERN AND
2 I'VE MENTIONED IT YOU AND I JUST -- I THINK THAT THEY NEED TO
3 KNOW THIS. THIS IS NOT -- IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A GAME WHERE,
4 AT THE 11TH HOUR -- BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN DOWN THIS ROAD,
5 ESPECIALLY AT THIS PARTICULAR FACILITY BEFORE, WHERE AT THE
6 11TH HOUR, SOMETHING COMES UP AND THEN THE PRESSURE'S OFF.
7 NOW, I DON'T KNOW THAT ANYBODY HERE WANTS TO GO THROUGH
8 ANOTHER BEILENSEN HEARING. I DON'T.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** LET JUST BE ASSUMING TO ME I CERTAINLY DON'T SAY
11 "NEVER MIND." .

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT, NO I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT YOU, DON.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN THIS ISSUE, I THINK IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT
16 THE FOUNDATION HAS THEIR MISSION AND IT'S THE TRANSITION
17 DOLLARS, IF IT DOESN'T GO IT DOESN'T GO, YOU KNOW, THEY HAVE
18 TO LOOK SOME PLACE ELSE OR YOU CLOSE THE FACILITY, YOU GUYS
19 MADE IT VERY CLEAR WITH YOUR VOTE, I'M NOT SAYING, "NEVER
20 MIND" WE'RE WORKING DILIGENTLY TO TRY TO RAISE THOSE DOLLARS
21 NECESSARY, I DON'T THINK ANYONE HAS ANY, I MEAN I DON'T KNOW
22 WHO YOU'RE REFERRING TO, YOU'RE NOT REFERRING TO ME BUT I
23 DON'T THINK ANYONE HAS ANY DELUSIONS THAT WE'RE NOT ABLE TO,
24 IF WE'RE NOT ABLE TO RAISE THOSE DOLLARS, THAT RANCHO COULD BE
25 GONE.



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1
2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL TELL YOU WHO I'M REFERRING TO AND I'LL
3 BE VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT WHO, I'M REFERRING TO THE HEALTH
4 DEPARTMENT BUREAUCRACY AND THE BUREAUCRACY DOWN THERE AT
5 RANCHO, AND I'M TALKING ABOUT ALL OF US, ALL OF US, INCLUDING
6 ME, WHO, FROM TIME TO TIME, GET SWEEPED UP IN THE IDEA, "WELL,
7 GEE, YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW, HE'S COMING BACK FROM HIS FISHING
8 TRIP IN NEPAL, I'M SURE HE'LL COME THROUGH WITH \$3 MILLION,
9 THE FOUNDATION'S ENDOWED WITH 200 MILLION, SO I'M SURE THEY
10 CAN AFFORD 3 MILLION 'CAUSE WE THINK IT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT
11 THING IN THE WORLD" ONLY TO FIND OUT IT DIDN'T HAPPEN, AND
12 WE'VE BEEN DOWN THAT ROAD COLLECTIVELY BEFORE, AND I'M SORRY
13 YOU TOOK IT AS THOUGH I WAS AIMING AT YOU, 'CAUSE I'M NOT, AND
14 I SPOKE TO IT LAST TIME, THAT THERE IS A BODY OF INERTIA IN
15 THIS ORGANIZATION CALLED THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHICH LIKES
16 TO TAKE THINGS TO THE BRINK AND IT'S A GAME OF DARE, AND I
17 DON'T WANT TO BE PUT IN THAT POSITION. I THINK WHAT THE
18 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS HAVE DONE IS INCREDIBLE, AND
19 WHATEVER THEIR REASONS, AND I'M SURE THEY'RE A HUNDRED PERCENT
20 GOOD, IT'S INCREDIBLE AND SHAIKLEY WAS ON -- WAS ON IT AS SOON
21 AS HE LEFT THIS CHAMBER, THE DAY WE CAST THAT VOTE, AND I'M
22 HOPEFUL THAT HE'LL BE ABLE TO PUT IT TOGETHER. BUT WHAT I'M
23 LOOKING AT HERE IS, WHAT IS -- TO DEFINE "PUTTING IT TOGETHER"
24 SO THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHAT -- WHAT CONSTITUTES SUCCESS, AND
25 NOT TO COME BACK HERE ON THE 11TH -- AT THE 11TH HOUR AND SAY,



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1 YOU KNOW, "WE'RE THIS CLOSE, WE'RE THIS CLOSE, SO PULL THE
2 PLUG," AND THEN FIND OUT WE WEREN'T THAT CLOSE AND THEN HAVE
3 TO GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS ALL OVER AGAIN. AND FRANKLY, I
4 DON'T THINK IF WE HADN'T HAVE CAST THE VOTE WE CAST A FEW
5 WEEKS AGO THAT WE WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN THIS FAR ALONG AND I
6 THINK EVERYBODY WOULD CONCEDE THAT POINT, INCLUDING THE PEOPLE
7 WHO ARE TRYING TO RAISE THE MONEY PRIVATELY. I KNOW THEY DID
8 'CAUSE THEY'VE TOLD ME THAT PRIVATELY. THAT'S ALL FAIR AND
9 GOOD AND I THINK THINGS BREAK OUR WAY, AND SO FAR THINGS HAVE
10 BROKEN OUR WAY FOR A CHANGE IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS ON ALL THIS
11 STUFF, THAT MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, WE'LL BE ABLE TO PUT THIS
12 TOGETHER, BUT IT'S GOT TO BE REAL.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DID YOU WANT TO ADD
15 ANYTHING?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** [INAUDIBLE].

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19 **FRED LEAF:** I WAS JUST GOING TO SAY THAT WE ARE OPERATING ON
20 TWO TRACKS. THE FIRST TRACK, OF COURSE, IS WORKING WITH JACK
21 SHAIKLEY AND THE FOUNDATION AND ASSISTING THEM IN PUTTING
22 TOGETHER THEIR PLAN. THE SECOND TRACK, AND PARALLEL, IS THE
23 CLOSURE TRACK. SO WE ARE NOT WAITING 'TIL, YOU KNOW, 60 OR 70
24 DAYS TO START WITH THAT EFFORT, SO WE DO HAVE THAT UNDERWAY.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY WHAT HAS TO BE CLEARLY
2 STATED. AGAIN, YOU KNOW, EVERYONE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME A
3 NONPROFIT TO TAKE OVER RANCHO. IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME IT'S
4 BEEN STUDIED OR LOOKED AT, AND I GUESS NOBODY PAYS ATTENTION
5 UNTIL YOU ACTUALLY CLOSE A FACILITY, BUT AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
6 WE'VE CLOSED THE FACILITY. RIGHT? SAY "YES."

7

8 **DR. GARTHWAITE AND FRED LEAF:** YES. [LAUGHTER]

9

10 **DR. GARTHWAITE:** YOU VOTED. WE UNDERSTAND.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S CLOSED.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S IN THE PROCESS OF CLOSING.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THIS BOARD HAS DECIDED TO CLOSE THE
17 FACILITY. SO THE REALITY IS, UNLESS SOMEBODY SHOWS UP UNDER
18 THE CONDITIONS THAT MR. YAROSLAVSKY HAS RAISED, THERE REALLY
19 IS NOTHING TO WORK ON. AND I DO THINK THAT WE HAVE TO BE VERY
20 CAUTIOUS ABOUT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. EVERYONE WOULD LOVE
21 TO SEE SOMEBODY STEP IN AND BE THE WHITE KNIGHT AND, YOU KNOW,
22 DELIVER FOR -- PARTICULARLY ALL OF THE REHAB COMMUNITY THAT
23 VALUES THE SERVICES OF RANCHO AS MUCH, AND DESPERATELY NEEDS
24 THEM, NOT THAT WE DON'T VALUE THEM, BUT THE REALITY IS THAT IT
25 IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO SHOW UP ON THE LAST MINUTE OF THE LAST



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1 DAY AND START TO REGURGITATE THIS ISSUE AGAIN WHEN, IN
2 REALITY, WE KNOW IT WILL SINK THE REST OF THE SYSTEM. THE
3 BIGGEST CHALLENGE, AND I DON'T KNOW, I MEAN, YOU'RE SAYING
4 IT'S CLOSED. IT'S NOT CLOSED, AS WE KNOW. YOU HAVE A LOT OF
5 WORK TO DO BEFORE IT CAN GET THERE. A LOT OF HURDLES TO COME -
6 - OVERCOME AND TO CONFRONT, AND I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU HAVE THE
7 CAPABILITY OF EVEN CLOSING IT ON THAT DEADLINE DAY. I'M GOING
8 TO ASSUME THAT WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME IS CORRECT, AND IT
9 BETTER BE WORKED ON BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ON THAT DAY,
10 "WELL, WE GOT THIS AND WE GOT THIS AND WE DIDN'T DO THIS AND
11 WE DIDN'T GIVE NOTICE HERE AND WE CAN'T DO THAT OR WE DON'T
12 HAVE BEDS AND WE DON'T HAVE" THAT'S WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT,
13 BECAUSE THE RELIANCE AND THE REST OF THE SYSTEM IS DEPENDENT
14 ON -- IS DEPENDENT ON THE SAVINGS FROM THIS SYSTEM. AND KEEP
15 IN MIND THAT WHEN WE MADE THAT DECISION, WE ALSO CLOSED A
16 HUNDRED BEDS AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. NOW, IT'S NOT THAT WE
17 DIDN'T RAISE A PEEP BECAUSE WE DIDN'T CARE OR DIDN'T FEEL AS
18 PASSIONATELY AS MR. KNABE AND SOME OF THESE FOLKS DID. WHAT WE
19 FELT WAS THAT THIS WAS PART OF THE REALITY THAT WE NEEDED TO
20 CONFRONT. YOU KNOW, CLOSING BEDS AT L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. IS ONE
21 OF THE DUMBEST THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN. IT IS NOT MEDICALLY
22 SMART, IT'S NOT FISCALLY SMART 'CAUSE WE LOSE MORE MONEY THAN
23 WE GAIN, IN EVERY ONE OF THOSE BEDS, AS WE ALL KNOW, BUT THE
24 REALITY IS WE HAD TO DO IT AS PART OF OUR PROGRAM, AND NOW THE
25 REALITY IS WE NEED TO PRODUCE THE SAVINGS IN ORDER TO MAKE



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1 THAT HAPPEN. SO I SUPPORT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION FROM
2 THE STANDPOINT THAT THERE HAVE TO BE REAL STEPS TAKEN, NOT THE
3 KIND OF STEPS THAT SAY SOMEWHERE SOMEBODY IS OUT THERE THAT IS
4 GOING TO SAVE THE DAY. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE REAL STEPS
5 THAT NEED TO BE TAKEN IS BY THIS DEPARTMENT, THAT IS GOING TO
6 GET TO THE DEADLINE DATE OF WHEN THIS IS GOING TO CLOSE. IF
7 SOMEBODY COMES IN AND STEPS IN AND HAS ALL THE CASH NECESSARY
8 TO KEEP IT GOING, WE CAN CREATE THE NONPROFIT, WE CAN GIVE
9 THEM THE BUILDING, WE CAN GIVE THEM OUR COMMITMENT TO THE
10 INDIGENT, WHICH IS SOMEWHERE IN THE TUNE OF \$15 MILLION AND
11 MAKE ALL THOSE ARRANGEMENTS AND THAT CAN HAPPEN, BUT WE NEED
12 TO CONTINUE TO SAVE THE SYSTEM, AND SO I SECOND MR.
13 YAROSLAVSKY'S MOTION. I THINK IT'S THE REALITY TRACK THAT
14 WE'RE ON AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT BOTH OF YOU
15 UNDERSTAND, WHICH IS WHY I ASKED YOU TO SAY "YES" THAT WE'VE
16 CLOSED RANCHO.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH THE QUESTION ON THE STATE AND FEDERAL
21 GOVERNMENT, THEY APPROVED A 250, EXCUSE ME, MILLION DOLLARS
22 FOR THE D.H.S., HOW ARE YOU GOING TO ADDRESS THE ADDITIONAL
23 \$107 MILLION NEEDED TO REFORM UNDER SCENARIO 3?

24



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS STILL ON
2 THE TABLE, AS I THINK I MENTIONED NEAR THE END. WE HAVE THE
3 DISH FLEXIBILITY PIECE, WHICH IS 30 MILLION ONGOING. I'M
4 SORRY, IT'S 14.8, 15, 25.5, 28.8 AND 29.4 OVER 5 YEARS SO IT'S
5 AVERAGED ABOUT 25 A YEAR, WE HAVE THE MANAGED CARE OF
6 SUPPLEMENTAL, WHICH WE ESTIMATE AROUND 47 MILLION A YEAR, AND
7 ANY MEASURE B MATCH THAT WE'RE ABLE TO ACHIEVE COULD BE UP TO
8 MAYBE 20 MILLION A YEAR. THOSE WILL ALL HELP. WE ALSO -- THERE
9 WAS A COMMITMENT, I THINK I HEARD IT FROM SECRETARY THOMPSON
10 AND MR. SCULLY TO BE BACK WITH US NEGOTIATING AFTER THE
11 EXPIRATION OF THE S.P.C.P. WAIVER. THEY WOULDN'T PUT THAT IN
12 WRITING FOR US, BUT THEY CERTAINLY CLEARLY INDICATED I THOUGHT
13 DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THEY EXPECTED US TO COME BACK
14 TO RENEGOTIATE AND BE THERE AT THE RENEGOTIATION THEN. THE
15 STATE WAIVER, BUT --

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S IN THE NEXT 90 DAYS? THAT'S THE TIME
18 FRAME WAS WITHIN THE NEXT 90 DAYS?

19

20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** FOR DISH, DISH, YEAH, YEAH, FOR DISH
21 FLEXIBILITY.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I SHARED WITH SHARED WITH DAVID JANSSEN
24 YESTERDAY, I WAS AMUSED BY THE LOS ANGELES TIMES SUNDAY
25 EDITORIAL, THE AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE



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1 STATE GOVERNMENT THAT IT WAS GOVERNOR DAVIS WHO LEANED ON THE
2 BUSH ADMINISTRATION TO GIVE US THAT EXTRA MONEY WHEN I THOUGHT
3 IT WAS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TOM SCULLY, THE BUSH
4 ADMINISTRATION LEANING ON THE GOVERNOR TO GIVE US THE MONEY.
5 AND THE FACT THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE 50 FIRST --

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S WHY TOM'S SMILING, HE KNOWS THE TRUTH,
8 RIGHT, SO.

9

10 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I WASN'T AROUND FOR THE LEANING.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE WHO'VE ASKED --

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH I JUST WOULD ADD THAT, I MEAN THE ONE
15 CLARIFICATION THAT'S BEEN BOUNCED AROUND HERE THAT RANCHO'S
16 TRIED THIS BEFORE AND FAILED OR WHATEVER. THE ONLY ATTEMPTS TO
17 EVER BEEN MADE AT RANCHO HAS BEEN PRIVATIZING, THERE'S NEVER
18 BEEN AN ATTEMPT TO DO A NOT-FOR-PROFIT KIND OF A TRANSITION
19 OUT THERE, AND I THINK THAT'S VERY CLEAR, AND I JUST --

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND THE ATTEMPT WAS TO TRANSFER RANCHO AS IS.
22 THERE WAS NO PROPOSED CHANGE IN IT AT ALL.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SANDRA ROBINSON, YOLANDA VERA
2 AND KATHY OCHOA HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK. WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP,
3 YOU KNOW, WHAT I HEARD THEM SAY, WHAT I HEARD SCULLY SAY WAS
4 THAT EVERY TWO YEARS THEY RENEGOTIATE THE WAIVER WITH THE
5 STATE ANYHOW.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** CUT OUT FOR A 16 OR 18 YEARS.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, RIGHT, BUT THAT RELATES, I ASSUME,
10 TO THE HUNDRED MILLION. THAT DOESN'T RELATE TO THE OTHER --

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S THE DISH PORTION.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** -- 600 OR 700 MILLION.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** MS. BURKE, MS. BURKE I ALSO HAVE A MOTION, MOSTLY
17 ON THE TIPPLER TAX ISSUE. DO YOU WANT ME TO DO IT AFTER THEY
18 SPEAK?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DOES IT RELATE TO THIS ITEM? WHY DON'T YOU
21 INTRODUCE IT NOW?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, IT IS.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY JUST INTRODUCE IT NOW.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO PASS OUT A MOTION AND
3 BASICALLY INSTEAD OF READING IT, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, I THINK WE
4 SHOULD BE GRATEFUL THAT, YOU KNOW, IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GETTING
5 MORE MONEY THAN WE ORIGINALLY THOUGHT, BUT NOT REALLY. THE
6 REALITY IS THAT WE ARE -- WE'VE GOTTEN AN INFUSION OF SOME
7 FEDERAL DOLLARS INTO OUR SYSTEM, AND I THINK THAT, COUPLED
8 WITH THE TAX -- THE TRAUMA TAX THAT WE'VE DONE QUITE WELL, BUT
9 THE REALITY IS WE'RE STILL A LONG WAYS TO GO, WE'RE STILL IN
10 DEFICIT, WE'RE STILL HEADING TOWARD A DEFICIT BECAUSE ONE OF
11 THE PROBLEMS IS WE STILL HAVE MANDATES THAT HAVE BEEN PLACED
12 ON US THAT ARE NOT TOTALLY CALCULATED INTO THIS THING, WHETHER
13 IT BE U.P.L. OR WHETHER IT BE OTHER KIND OF REQUIREMENTS THE
14 STATE WILL BE PLACING ON US, BUT THE REALITY IS THAT WE'RE NOT
15 GOING TO HAVE CERTAINLY ENOUGH MONEY TO MEET THE UNINSURED
16 PROBLEM. AND, YOU KNOW, WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT IT IS IF YOU
17 LOOK AT TOM BROKAW TONIGHT, THEY'VE BEEN DOING A WEEKLY SERIES
18 ABOUT THE UNINSURED. THIS PROBLEM IS ESCALATING ALL OVER THE
19 COUNTRY. THE PROBLEMS ARE TREMENDOUS. THEY'RE OVERWHELMING
20 HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS EVERYWHERE WHETHER THEY ARE PRIVATE OR
21 PUBLIC, IT IS AN ONGOING PROBLEM, AND IT'S REALLY WHAT WE NEED
22 TO WRESTLE WITH, AND HOPEFULLY BY GETTING MORE ATTENTION TO
23 IT, WE'RE GOING TO GET THE CONGRESS TO EVENTUALLY ADDRESS THIS
24 ISSUE. WHEN AND HOW, I DON'T KNOW. THEY SEEM TO HAVE OTHER
25 PRIORITIES. BUT THE REALITY IS IS THAT WE ARE THE ONES THAT



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1 ARE HAVING TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES AND FIND THE DOLLARS TO
2 DO SO. THERE ARE SOME MEASURES AND THAT WE CAN TAKE THAT WOULD
3 ASSIST US IN THE LONG RUN. NOT IMMEDIATE AS SOME OF THE
4 FEDERAL DOLLARS ARE, BUT CERTAINLY IN THE LONG TERM, AND IT
5 WOULD GIVE US STABLE REVENUE. ONE, AND I'M ASKING THAT THE
6 BOARD TAKE A SUPPORT POSITION FOR S.B.-108, WHICH IS SENATOR
7 GLORIA ROMERO'S BILL. HER BILL IS TYING AGAIN THE TAX ON
8 LIQUOR THAT IS SERVED DIRECTLY TO GO TO TRAUMA, WHICH WOULD
9 FACILITATE FOR US AS THE OTHER -- OUR OWN TRAUMA TAX DID, IT
10 WOULD BRING DOLLARS INTO OUR SYSTEM AND NOT JUST INTO THE
11 PUBLIC, BUT ALSO INTO THE PRIVATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE
12 UNINSURED. THERE'S A DIRECT CORRELATION, EVERYONE KNOWS THE
13 KINDS OF PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE WITH ALCOHOL, SO CONSEQUENTLY
14 I'M ASKING THAT A 5-SIGNATURE LETTER BE SENT TO SENATOR DEBRA
15 ARTESE WHO'S THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE AND THE
16 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AS WELL AS TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR
17 COUNTY DELEGATION AND, OF COURSE, GOVERNOR DAVIS URGING HIM TO
18 SUPPORT S.B.-108. NOW, I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S NECESSARILY
19 GOING TO BE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FOR THAT BILL. THE LIQUOR
20 LOBBY IS VERY, VERY STRONG. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE
21 GENTLEMAN WHO REPRESENTS NAPA IS THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE
22 COMMITTEE ON THE SENATE SIDE. SO OUR CHANCES ARE VERY, VERY
23 SLIM. BUT THE REALITY IS THAT IT'S SOMETHING WE MUST PURSUE,
24 AND I AM ASKING AS WELL THAT IF, IN FACT, THEY CANNOT DO THAT,
25 THEN GIVE IT TO THIS BOARD TO DO. I'M ASKING THAT WE LOOK FOR



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1 AN AUTHOR WHO WILL INTRODUCE THE LEGISLATION THAT WILL
2 AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO LEVY A TIPPLER TAX IN
3 L.A. COUNTY, WHICH IS DIFFERENT THAN THE ROMERO BILL. THE
4 ROMERO BILL IS STATEWIDE FOR THE MOST PART, AS I UNDERSTAND.
5 THIS WOULD BE COUNTY, IT WOULD ONLY -- THEY DON'T HAVE TO DO
6 IT THEMSELVES, THERE'D BE NO FINGERPRINTS ON IT, AS THEY SAY.
7 JUST GIVE US THE AUTHORITY. AND THAT WE, UNDER THIS AUTHORITY,
8 COULD TAX A DRINK IN L.A. COUNTY AND THAT THOSE MONEYS WOULD
9 BE -- GO DIRECTLY TO HELP AND TO FINANCE THE UNINSURED OR,
10 AGAIN, EVEN THE TRAUMA SYSTEM, HOWEVER WE WOULD DO SO. BUT
11 RIGHT NOW WE DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY. IF THIS BOARD TODAY HAD
12 THE COURAGE TO PUT SUCH A PROPOSAL TOGETHER, THE LEGISLATURE
13 AND THE STATE PROHIBITS US FROM DOING IT. SO I'M ASKING, WE
14 NEED TO FIND AN AUTHOR, WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD ON IT, AND I'D
15 LIKE TO PUT THAT BEFORE YOU BECAUSE I THINK THAT, AGAIN, IT'S
16 GOING TO BE A TOUGH THING TO DO. THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF
17 RESISTANCE TO DO IT, EVERYBODY'S GOING TO TRY AND FIND EVERY
18 OTHER WAY, BUT WHERE WE ARE NOW IN OUR SITUATION IS WE HAVE
19 SOME INFUSION OF DOLLARS AND WE HAVE SOME RELIEF, BUT THE
20 REALITY IS TWO THINGS. WE ARE STILL GOING INTO A DEFICIT EVERY
21 YEAR, WE DON'T KNOW THAT DR. GARTHWAITE AND THE DEPARTMENT
22 AND, AS FRED HAS TOLD US THAT, WE CAN MAKE THOSE -- CAPTURE
23 THOSE SAVINGS THAT WE NEED TO CAPTURE. AND FINALLY, THE NUMBER
24 OF UNINSURED IS INCREASING EVERY SINGLE DAY. OUR
25 RESPONSIBILITIES ARE ESCALATING EVERY SINGLE DAY. SO WE NEED A



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1 SET, WE NEED DEDICATED REVENUE. THESE ARE OPTIONS FOR SOME
2 DEDICATED REVENUE IN THIS AREA, SO I'M ASKING THE BOARD TO
3 SUPPORT NOT ONLY S.B.-108, BUT TO LOOK FOR AN AUTHOR WHO WOULD
4 PUT TOGETHER A LEGISLATIVE BILL THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE L.A.
5 COUNTY TO IMPLEMENT ITS OWN TIPPLER TAX, IF NECESSARY, WHEN IT
6 NEEDS THOSE FUNDS.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. I'LL SECOND THAT. ALL RIGHT. SANDRA
9 ROBINSON, I BELIEVE, WAS FIRST, AND YOLANDA VERA AND THEN
10 KATHY OCHOA.

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12 **SANDRA ROBINSON:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS SANDRA ROBINSON, I'M AN
13 ATTORNEY WITH THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES, AND I
14 SPEAK TO YOU ON BEHALF OF OUR CLIENTS WHO DESPERATELY RELY ON
15 A VIABLE HEALTHCARE -- COUNTY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND HAVE BEEN
16 AND WILL BE AFFECTED IN VERY REAL WAYS BY THE REDUCTION IN
17 HEALTHCARE THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE AND THAT IS SLATED TO TAKE
18 PLACE IN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. WE WERE VERY ENCOURAGED BY
19 THE REVENUE -- BY THE NEWS OF THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE THAT WILL
20 BE COMING TO US AND WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE STRUGGLE TO
21 STABILIZE THAT EVERYONE HAS UNDERGONE, ESPECIALLY YOURSELVES,
22 TO STABILIZE OUR COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM, OF CARE IN THE FACE OF
23 THE ESCALATING MEDICAL NEED. TO OUR CLIENTS, THE ADDITIONAL
24 REVENUE ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK REPRESENTS HOPE THAT WE CAN NOW
25 BEGIN DOWN A PATH OF HEALING THROUGH BUILDING RATHER THAN



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1 DISMANTLING FURTHER OUR SYSTEM. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW TO
2 THE PUBLIC THAT THEIR DOLLARS AND EFFORTS AND UNIFIED VOICE
3 HAVE BEEN HEARD. THE VISION NOW MUST BE ONE OF REVIVING AND
4 HEALING A BELEAGUERED HEALTH SYSTEM, AND THIS REQUIRES A
5 PUBLIC THAT IS ENGAGED AND MOBILIZED TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST
6 THIS IMPORTANT BUILDING PROCESS. ALL OF THE AMAZING AND
7 INSPIRING EFFORTS FROM THE LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL LEVELS
8 HAVE EVOLVED INTO A MOMENTUM REACHING THIS CRITICAL MASS WHICH
9 HAS DEVELOPED INTO A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY. THE FAITH OF THE
10 PUBLIC NOW IS TRULY IN YOUR HANDS AND WE MUST NOW ACT TO SEIZE
11 THAT OPPORTUNITY TO PRESERVE WHAT WE HAVE BECAUSE IT'S JUST
12 WHAT MAKES SENSE. IT'S WHAT MAKES SENSE TO AVERT FURTHER
13 MEDICAL HARM. AND TO BUILD A SYSTEM THAT IS NOT CHARACTERIZED
14 BY MEDICAL DEPRIVATION, BUT BY PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE THAT'S
15 NECESSARY TO THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

16

17 **YOLANDA VERA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. YOLANDA VERA, NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL
18 SERVICES. THE BOARD DESERVES A HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS ON THE
19 FEDERAL AND STATE RELIEF THAT IT RECEIVED LAST FRIDAY, A
20 HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN WAS EXPECTED, AND THE
21 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALL IN ALL INCREASED ITS FEDERAL FUNDING TO
22 L.A. COUNTY TO \$236 MILLION FOR BOTH FISCAL YEARS 2004 AND
23 2005. FRIDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT AND THE FEDERAL AND STATE
24 COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY ON
25 FURTHER RELIEF ARE ENCOURAGING SIGNS THAT THE FEDERAL AND THE



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1 STATE GOVERNMENTS ARE STEPPING UP TO THE PLATE, AND AS WELL
2 WITH THE VOTERS' EFFORTS IN LAST NOVEMBER OF BRINGING MEASURE
3 B TO REALITY, BRINGING AN ADDITIONAL \$168 MILLION WE SEE THAT
4 THE VOTERS IN THE COMMUNITY HAVE ALSO STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE.
5 WE HOPE THAT THE COMMUNITY'S EFFORTS TO TALK TO THE FEDERAL
6 DELEGATION IN D.C., TO MAKE VISITS WITH OUR D.C.
7 REPRESENTATIVES, AND AS WELL SPEAK TO THE LEGISLATURE IN
8 CALIFORNIA HELP FACILITATE THE COUNTY'S GOALS AND EFFORTS ON
9 ACHIEVING THIS RESULT. NOW IT'S LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S TURN TO
10 STEP UP TO THE PLATE. THIS ADDITIONAL MONEY GIVES LOS ANGELES
11 A FLEXIBILITY TO START THINKING OF REBUILDING THE SYSTEM AND
12 DEVELOPING THE VISION. AND IN LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS THAT DR.
13 GARTHWAITE PASSED OUT, FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEARS, AT LEAST
14 UNTIL 2006 AND 2007, WE WILL HAVE A SURPLUS, WE WILL BE IN THE
15 GREEN IN OUR HEALTHCARE SERVICES, AND I WANT TO REPEAT THAT,
16 FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS, WE WILL BE IN THE GREEN, SO WE HAVE
17 A FLEXIBILITY TO START THINKING OF RESTRUCTURING AND
18 REBUILDING OUR SYSTEM SO THAT WE'RE NOT IN THIS CONSTANT CUT
19 CYCLE. UNLESS THE COUNTY EXERCISES LEADERSHIP AND USES THIS
20 OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE LEADERSHIP, NOTHING THAT HAPPENED
21 FRIDAY WILL DO ANYTHING TO CHANGE THE CURRENT LEVELS OF CARE
22 THAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING. THE SIX-MONTH WAITS THAT INDIGENT
23 WOMEN ARE SEEING RIGHT NOW FOR GETTING A BIOPSY ON A BREAST
24 TUMOR, THE ONE-YEAR WAIT FOR DIABETIC PATIENTS FOR GETTING A
25 VISIT AT AN EYE CLINIC, THE UP TO FOUR-DAY WAITS IN A GURNEY



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1 IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM TO GET A BED AVAILABLE AND UP TO TWO-
2 YEAR WAIT TO GET SURGERY ON GALL BLADDERS. THERE ARE STEPS
3 THAT THE COUNTY COULD MAKE TO RESPOND TO THIS ADDITIONAL
4 FUNDING TO SHOW THAT IT IS TAKING US IN NEW DIRECTIONS AND
5 RESTRUCTURING SERVICES AND BRINGING A VISION. SOME OF THESE
6 STEPS INCLUDE THINGS LIKE REBUILDING THE AMBULATORY CARE
7 SYSTEM WHICH TOOK SUCH A BIG HIT LAST OCTOBER AND WHICH ARE
8 LEADING TO SOME OF THE CRISES WE'RE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING AS
9 WELL AS BUILDING A BRIDGE FOR RANCHO LOS AMIGOS SO THAT THE
10 SERVICES THAT RANCHO PROVIDES THAT ARE SO CRITICAL WILL NOT BE
11 COMPLETELY LOST IN THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **KATHY OCHOA:** SUPERVISORS, KATHY OCHOA, S.C.I.U. LOCAL 660.
16 AGAIN, JUST TO JOIN THE ACCOLADES THAT ARE ALL MUTUALLY
17 DESERVED FOR THE OFFER THAT WAS EXTENDED FROM THE STATE AND
18 FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO THE COUNTY, THE WORK OF THE CITIZENS
19 AND THE UNION ON MEASURE B AND TO ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK IN
20 TRYING TO MAINTAIN A STABLE HEALTH SYSTEM. I WANT TO REMIND
21 YOU, SUPERVISORS, THAT FOR EVERY LIABILITY OR COLUMN, THERE'S
22 USUALLY AN ASSET COLUMN, AND THAT AS YOU RATTLE OFF THE
23 ENCUMBRANCES THAT THE DEPARTMENT FACES, THAT YOU ALSO FACTOR
24 IN THE POSITIVES, THE ASSETS THAT ARE DUE THE SYSTEM. AND IF
25 WE ONLY MOVE OR MAKE OUR DECISIONS BASED ON LIABILITIES, THEN



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1 YOU CAN BET, NO MATTER EVERYBODY'S BEST EFFORT, WE WILL BE ON
2 A DOWNWARD AND A DEATH SPIRAL FOR OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. I AM
3 GLAD, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THAT
4 YOU'RE ASKING FOR THE SAME SORTS OF ACCOUNTABILITIES THAT WERE
5 REQUIRED OF DISNEY. WE, TOO, HAVE OUR CONCERNS AS TO WHETHER
6 THE NONPROFIT OPTION IS A VIABLE ONE. WE CERTAINLY WANT TO
7 EXHAUST EVERY OPPORTUNITY AND LOOK AT EVERY ALTERNATIVE. THERE
8 WERE TWO THAT WERE EXPRESSED, I THINK, ON THE 28TH AND A THIRD
9 ONE EMERGED AT THE END OF THE DAY. THE FIRST WAS CREATION OF A
10 NONPROFIT. THE SECOND WAS CREATION OF SORT OF A SATELLITE
11 WHERE RANCHO HAS INCORPORATED ITS LICENSURE IS FOLDED INTO
12 THAT OF ANOTHER HOSPITAL, AND NOW THIS THIRD THING THAT I'M
13 HEARING, AND I HAVEN'T REALLY SEEN IT IN WRITING, IS A
14 SATELLITE AS A TRANSITION TO A NONPROFIT. MAYBE THERE'S A
15 FOURTH ONE BEYOND THAT. AND I DO THINK THERE ARE THINGS BEYOND
16 THAT. TOM GARTHWAITE HAS COME TO OUR PLANNING ADVISORY
17 COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND TALKED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR
18 DEVELOPING A SCENARIO FOUR. IT COULD BE THE SAME BOTTOM LINE,
19 IT COULD BE A DIFFERENT CONFIGURATION OF SERVICES, SO I WOULD
20 JUST LIKE TO CAUTION EVERYONE AGAINST, YOU KNOW, ASSERTING
21 THAT CLOSING RANCHO MEANS WE SAVE ANOTHER PART OF THE SYSTEM,
22 BECAUSE IN FACT, IN ATTACHMENT C THAT THIS BOARD VOTED ON IN
23 JUNE, THERE WERE ZERO SAVINGS THAT WERE ANTICIPATED FOR
24 '02/'03, ZERO SAVINGS ANTICIPATED FOR '03/'04, AND \$64 MILLION
25 IN SAVINGS IN '04/'05. SO BEFORE WE SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, NEXT



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1 MONTH VIABILITY IS CONTINGENT, AND LET'S REMEMBER WHAT THE
2 ORIGINAL SETS OF NUMBERS WERE AND HOW THEY FLUCTUATE, THEY DO
3 GO UP AND THEY DO GO DOWN, BUT THEY HAVEN'T JUST SORT OF GONE
4 AWAY IN THIS CASE AND I HOPE THAT YOU KEEP THAT IN MIND. IN
5 TERMS OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR DISNEY, I REMEMBER THAT THAT
6 PROPOSAL AND THAT CULTURAL INSTITUTION WASN'T PUT TOGETHER
7 OVERNIGHT AND SUPERVISOR YOU POINTED OUT HOW THIS IS GOING TO
8 TAKE TIME AND WE SHOULDN'T DELUDE OURSELVES INTO THINKING THAT
9 IT DOESN'T TAKE TIME. SO I THINK, IN ALL FAIRNESS, I WOULD ASK
10 YOU TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO YOUR MOTION THAT AFFORDS THE
11 DEPARTMENT AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES WHO ARE DEVELOPING
12 ALTERNATIVES THE SAME TYPE OF TIMEFRAME THAT WAS ACCORDED
13 DISNEY, BECAUSE I KNOW IT WAS MORE THAN 45 DAYS OR 50 DAYS.
14 AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ASK THIS BOARD IF IT COULD KEEP THE
15 DOOR OPEN TO SOME COUNTY SUPPORT AS IT DID FOR DISNEY. I THINK
16 THE WEEK AFTER YOU VOTED TO CLOSE -- IS THAT A "NO" ZEV? OKAY.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** UH... NO. [LIGHT LAUGHTER].

19

20 **KATHY OCHOA:** ALL RIGHT, THE WEEK AFTER YOU VOTED TO CLOSE
21 RANCHO YOU ALSO VOTED TO GIVE DISNEY ANOTHER 25 MILLION IN
22 BRIDGE, AND IT'S GOING TO REPAY YOU. SO I WOULD JUST URGE THIS
23 BOARD TO KEEP ITS OPTIONS OPEN SO THAT YOU DON'T MAKE A
24 DECISION THAT, IN THE END, GETS YOU TO WHERE YOU DID NOT WANT
25 TO BE, AND THAT IS A TOTAL DESTABILIZATION OF THE HEALTHCARE



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1 SYSTEM. SO SUPERVISOR I'M WONDERING IF YOU CAN AFFORD A TIME
2 FRAME THAT WOULD ALLOW THE INTERESTED PARTIES WHO ARE WORKING
3 ON ALTERNATIVES THE SAME REASONABLE TIMEFRAME THAT THE DISNEY
4 AND COUNTY GROUPING HAD TO WORK ON THEIR PROPOSALS.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I -- NUMBER ONE, ONCE THE DISNEY GROUP
7 GOT TOGETHER AND DECIDED TO RAISE THE MONEY, IT DIDN'T TAKE
8 THEM 60 DAYS, AND CERTAINLY --

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10 **KATHY OCHOA:** WHAT DID IT TAKE?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CERTAINLY NOT TO THIS, THERE -- THERE IS A
13 LOT --

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE PUT A PARKING LOT IN THERE FOR THEM.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH WELL THAT WAS ANOTHER STORY.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LOOK I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THAT BUT WE
20 DID BUILD THEM A PARKING LOT ON THE IF COME.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** IT TOOK A LOT MORE THAN 60 DAYS TO PUT ALL THAT
23 MONEY TOGETHER.

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1 **KATHY OCHOA:** WELL ALL I'M SAYING IS THAT IF THE EXPECTATION IS
2 THAT THERE --

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL THE ANSWER IS NO, I'M NOT I THINK IT'S
5 ON IT'S, I MEAN THIS WILL GIVE YOU A DIRECT ANSWER, NO. I
6 THINK THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO HAPPEN ARE GOING TO HAPPEN.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK WE CAN USE DISNEY AS OUR
9 MODEL.

10

11 **KATHY OCHOA:** WELL IF THAT'S WHAT WAS SAID, THAT-

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO A DEBATE OVER HOW
14 LONG IT TOOK, IT'S NOT WORTH IT.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH BECAUSE I MEAN WE WENT ALONG WITH
17 THIS.

18

19 **KATHY OCHOA:** SUPERVISOR I'M THINKING THAT IF THIS IS A NEW
20 LEVEL, IF THIS IS A NEW CONDITION PUT ON THE DECISION MADE ON
21 JANUARY 28TH, THERE SHOULD BE SOME FLEXIBILITY, HOWEVER MODEST
22 YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER SO THAT THAT LEGAL COMMITMENTS THAT
23 YOU'RE LOOKING -- LOOK IT'S GOING TO -- IF THAT'S WHAT YOU
24 WANT THAT'S WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE, AND I'M JUST SAYING IN
25 THE INTEREST OF BEING REAL HERE, THAT IT IS GOING TO TAKE SOME



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1 TIME TO PUT TOGETHER COMMITMENTS, EITHER FROM THE PRIVATE
2 SECTOR OR COMMITMENTS ABOUT HOW THIS BOARD MIGHT MOVE AHEAD ON
3 A SATELLITE OPTION OR ALSO, SUPERVISORS, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT
4 IN THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, THERE WILL BE A RENEWED DISCUSSION
5 ON DISH REFORM. NOW, HOW YOU END UP AT THE END OF THE DAY WITH
6 A GOOD SETTLEMENT FOR L.A. IS GOING TO DEPEND ON WHETHER
7 RANCHO'S IN THE MIX OR OUT OF THE MIX. HIGH DESERT IN THE MIX,
8 OUT OF THE MIX. BOTH IN, BOTH OUT. YOU KNOW, I MEAN, ALL OF
9 THIS IS -- THAT DISH DISCUSSION IS AN OVERARCHING ONE, THAT IT
10 MAY TURN OUT AT THE END OF THE DAY TO BE MORE FAVORABLE FOR
11 YOU TO KEEP RANCHO AS PART OF THE SYSTEM AND END UP WITH A
12 BETTER DISH REFORM PACKAGE THAN IF YOU WERE TO MOVE IT OUT, SO
13 I'M JUST ASKING YOU TO KEEP YOUR MINDS OPEN AND LOOK AT THE
14 ASSETS AS WELL AS THE LIABILITIES, AND I THINK WE'LL END UP AT
15 A BETTER PLACE WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I COULD JUST FOLLOW UP. I THINK A
18 BETTER ANALYSIS THAN DISNEY WOULD BE THE POINT THAT YOU MADE
19 IS THAT IN THE ORIGINAL NUMBERS, AND THIS CONTINUES TO BE MY
20 ARGUMENT, '02/'03, '03/'04, THERE WERE ZERO DOLLARS IN
21 SAVINGS, AND THE SAVINGS WEREN'T PREDICTED UNTIL '04/'05, AND,
22 YOU KNOW, AS I CALL THE MONDAY NIGHT MASSACRE, AND THEN THAT
23 MOVED UP, AND, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, ZEV'S MOTION IS VERY CLEAR
24 ABOUT NOT CHANGING NUMBERS, YOU KNOW, WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THAT
25 WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS WELL TOO, BUT I THINK THAT'S



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1 WHERE, YOU KNOW, MY ARGUMENT WAS ABOUT SOME POTENTIAL BRIDGE
2 FUNDING. IT'S NOT THERE RIGHT NOW. I MEAN, FORGET IT, BUT I
3 MEAN THE POINT IS IS THAT THE BIG POINT HERE IS THAT THE
4 SAVINGS WEREN'T PREDICTED UNTIL '04/'05, AND THAT'S A HUGE
5 CHANGE AND NOW BY THE DOWNSIZING AND CUTTING BACK YOU'RE GOING
6 TO HAVE EARLIER SAVINGS AND EVENTUALLY IN '04/'05, HAVE
7 POTENTIALLY MORE SAVINGS THAN YOU ANTICIPATED IN YOUR ORIGINAL
8 DOCUMENT, AND I MEAN I THINK THAT'S THE ISSUE, MORE SO THAN
9 DISNEY.

10

11 **KATHY OCHOA:** I THINK THE FOURTH POINT THAT DR. GARTHWAITE
12 RAISED THAT WASN'T ON THE TABLE BEFORE WAS SORT OF THIS
13 MANDATE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE PAYOR MIX OF
14 OUR HOSPITAL SYSTEM, AND I KNOW THERE ARE DISINCENTIVES TO DO
15 IT AMONG THE SMALLER POPULATION OF PATIENTS, SAY, FOR EXAMPLE,
16 AT RANCHO. THAT DISINCENTIVE MAY GO AWAY ONCE IT'S DISTRIBUTED
17 AGAINST A LARGER POPULATION. SO I'M JUST ASKING YOU NOT TO
18 UNDERCUT ONE GOAL AS YOU'RE TRYING TO ACHIEVE ANOTHER.
19 INSTEAD, HAVE SOME FLEXIBILITY AND TRY TO LOOK AT ALL OF THE
20 OPTIONS THAT ARE ON THE TABLE SO THAT WE CREATE THE BEST
21 SOLUTION FOR EVERY CITIZEN, EVERY RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ON THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR
24 MOLINA --

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU'RE DIVIDING THE QUESTIONS.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE ONE IS A TIPPLER TAX --

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** I VOTE NO, YOU WANT A ROLL CALL?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU ON THE TIPPLER'S TAX OR NOW ARE YOU
8 GOING TO DO ZEV AND GLORIA'S?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL WE'RE GOING TO DO FIRST GLORIA'S
11 MOTION, WHICH WAS THE LAST ONE. HER AMENDMENT WAS THE LAST
12 ONE, MY RECOLLECTION IS YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO THAT FIRST.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY SO CAN WE TAKE A VOTE ON HER MOTION,
17 WHICH IS THE 5-SIGNATURE ON TIPPLER'S TAX, AND GETTING
18 PERMISSION FOR US TO HAVE A COUNTY TIPPLER'S TAX. OKAY, DO YOU
19 WANT TO CALL THE ROLE?

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21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

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25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE. NOW, ON SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S
15 MOTION, IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? YAROSLAVSKY AND MOLINA'S
16 MOTION, IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
17 THAT CONCLUDES THE SPECIAL MEETING. WE WOULD NOW GO TO PUBLIC
18 COMMENT. WE HAVE A LOT OF PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE
19 WHO ARE HERE ON NEW SUBJECTS, AND THEN WE HAVE PEOPLE ON A
20 SUBJECT THAT HAS BEEN COMING UP EVERY WEEK. I THINK WE SHOULD
21 TAKE THOSE PEOPLE ON THE NEW SUBJECTS, AND THEN THE PEOPLE WHO
22 ARE ON THE OLD SUBJECT OF THE OAK TREE, WE WOULD ASK YOU TO
23 TRY TO COME TOGETHER AND -- EVERYBODY IS GOING TO HAVE ONE
24 MINUTE ANYHOW, BUT TO TRY TO NOT DUPLICATE THE THINGS THAT YOU
25 KNOW THAT WE HAVE NO AUTHORITY, WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ON OUR



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1 AGENDA, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF YOU MAKING IT FOR THE TELEVISION
2 AUDIENCE OR FOR YOUR OWN RECORD. SO WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU
3 DO IT AS FAST AS POSSIBLE AND NOT HAVE TOO MUCH DUPLICATION.
4 SHEILA WARD, MICHAEL HUNT, AND REVA VALENTIN. AND WHILE
5 THEY'RE COMING UP, I UNDERSTAND THERE'S BEEN A REQUEST THAT WE
6 WAIVE THE 90-DAY RULE. IF WE WAIVE THE 90-DAY RULE, THERE ARE
7 AT LEAST 20 PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE HERE EVERY WEEK. SO WE JUST
8 CANNOT -- A LONG TIME AGO WE HAD TO DECIDE THAT WE COULD NOT -
9 - WE CAN'T WAIVE THAT RULE, AND NO MATTER HOW IMPORTANT THE
10 PERSON IS AND OF WHAT DISTINCTION THEY ARE, WE JUST CANNOT
11 WAIVE THAT RULE BECAUSE WE HAVE A WHOLE GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO,
12 OVER THE YEARS, HAVE BEEN COMING, AND THEY ONLY COME HERE ON
13 90 DAYS BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT'S THE RULE, BUT WE WOULD JUST
14 TOTALLY BE HERE ALL NIGHT IF WE WAIVE IT AS TO ALL OF THOSE
15 PEOPLE WHO CAREFULLY MONITOR THEIR 90 DAYS TO COME. YES. WOULD
16 YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

17

18 **SHEILIA WARD:** HI, GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH,
19 THIS IS SHEILIA WARD. I REPRESENT XENIC ASSOCIATION
20 PRODUCTIONS ENTERTAINMENT INTERNATIONAL TRUST, AND I'M HERE ON
21 BEHALF OF THE MA AI FESTIVAL THAT WE USUALLY HAVE AT THE
22 COMPTON COURTHOUSE. I'M IN PRAYER AND HOPES THAT THE TALIBAN
23 SITUATION HAS CALMED DOWN SOMEWHAT WHEREAS WE CONTINUE
24 BUSINESS AS USUAL. LAST SEPTEMBER, DURING THE TIME OF THE
25 TALIBAN SITUATION, I TRAVELED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND



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1 IN EVERY STATE THERE WAS A BIG CELEBRATION AT THE COUNTY AND
2 STATE AND FEDERAL FACILITIES HONORING THE TALIBAN, AND I WAS
3 APPALLED. I WAS, LIKE, WOW, HOW CAN THEY COME OVER HERE AND
4 BLOW UP AND THEY HAVE A FESTIVAL AND WE, THE PEOPLE WHO HELPED
5 BUILD THIS COUNTRY, WE CAN'T EVEN HAVE ONE. SO I'M HERE TO
6 FIND OUT WHAT IT IS THAT WE CAN DO AT THIS POINT ON A POSITIVE
7 LEVEL TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A HARMONIOUS FESTIVAL THIS YEAR.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK THAT YOU, FIRST OF ALL, NEED
10 TO WORK WITH COMPTON AND WITH THE COURT. WE NO LONGER HAVE
11 JURISDICTION OVER THE COURT FACILITIES, AND WE CERTAINLY WISH
12 YOU WELL IN THE FESTIVAL.

13

14 **SHEILIA WARD:** [INAUDIBLE]

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WHO WILL TALK TO YOU? OH THE OMBUDSMAN
17 WILL TALK TO YOU.

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19 **SHEILIA WARD:** SO WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO TALK TO?

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SANDERS. OVER HERE, SANDY WILL TALK TO YOU.

22

23 **SHEILIA WARD:** OH AND PLUS, I WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU'RE
24 AVAILABLE ON THE 19TH, IF -- I HAVE A TELEVISION SHOW ON COM
25 CAST, IF WE COULD DISCUSS IT ON THE TELEVISION.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE. WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE TO DISCUSS IT WITH
3 YOU. REVA LINTON AND MICHAEL HUNT.

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5 **REVA LINTON:** YES, I'M SORRY, AND I MAY BE OUT OF LINE, BUT I
6 HAVE A LITTLE BIT TO SAY --

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU REVA LINTON?

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10 **REVA LINTON:** YES.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, AND WOULD ETHEL LEE JOHNSON PLEASE
13 COME FORWARD?

14

15 **REVA LINTON:** I'D LIKE TO JUST MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT THE DIRTY,
16 FILTHY CONDITIONS IN THE JAILS, THEY SHOULD SEND THE
17 MAINTENANCE PEOPLE BACK TO THE SCHOOL TO LEARN HOW TO DO
18 MAINTENANCE, HOW TO CLEAN THE CORNERS, THEN THEY WOULDN'T HAVE
19 THAT SPIDER OR WHATEVER IS BITING. THE MAINTENANCE PEOPLE NEED
20 TO BE TRAINED AND THEY NEED TO BE REPLACED. YOU SHOULD INSIST
21 ON THAT. THAT'S NOT WHY I CAME. I CAME ABOUT AN URGENT MATTER.
22 THE CLOCK IS TICKING. ABOUT A TREE. A BEAUTIFUL, MOST
23 BEAUTIFUL TREE, AN OAK TREE. I'VE SEEN FLOODS WHERE THE TREE
24 SAVES PEOPLE WHEN THE WATER RISES, THEY SAVE THEMSELVES ON
25 THAT TREE. THIS TREE IS THERE FOR THAT PURPOSE. THERE'S A



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1 WASH, IT'S A RUNOFF, AND IN CASE IT GETS FLOODED, WHERE ARE
2 THEY GOING TO HOLD ON TO, A PERSON LOST ON THAT TREE? THAT
3 TREE SHOULD NOT BE MOVED. I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW
4 BEAUTIFUL THE TREE LOOKS. JUST WONDERFUL. IT'S DIFFERENT THAN
5 ANY OTHER OAK TREE. I CAME HERE TO ASK, I HEARD TODAY YVONNE
6 BURKE, I MEAN SUPERVISOR, YOU HAVE THIS 11TH HOUR MATTER. PUT
7 THIS ON THE 11TH HOUR MATTER. THE CLOCK IS TICKING. URGENT,
8 URGENT. PUT IT ON THE 11TH HOUR MATTER, HAVE YOUR STAFF COME
9 BACK WITH A REPORT WITH THE WHOLE SITUATION. DON'T CLOSE THE
10 DOOR.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS
13 EXPIRED. ETHEL LEE JOHNSON.

14

15 **REVA LINTON:** I'M SORRY.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND COULD WE HAVE, WE WILL NOW GO INTO THE
18 TREES, MARTA EVRY, GARY KNOWLTON. WOULD YOU PLEASE START
19 COMING UP? YES, MISS JOHNSON? STATE YOUR NAME.

20

21 **ETHEL LEE JOHNSON:** COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MR. KNABE,
22 YASIM WATIM, I'M HERE ON A SPECIAL MISSION. THE SPECIAL
23 MISSION IS FOR THE DISABLED PEOPLE AND HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE
24 TERRITORY OF COMPTON, WHICH NEEDS A SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY
25 HELP. I'VE BEEN HERE ABOUT FOUR MONTHS, BUT YOUR DEPUTY IS



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1 THERE, BUT YOUR DEPUTY NEVER TAKES ANY INFORMATION AND SOME
2 INFORMATION THAT IS NEEDED TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD, I TOLD
3 YOU I SAID I WOULD CHECK AND SEE WHAT'S NEEDED AND WHATEVER
4 ELSE, AND IT'D PROBABLY TAKE ME 90 DAYS TO 180 DAYS, BUT I WAS
5 CALLED IN BY THE GOVERNOR. GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS, I WAS CALLED
6 IN, AND IT IS A RESPONSIBILITY FOR S.S.I. PEOPLE, SUPPLEMENT
7 OF PEOPLE TO HAVE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. NOW THEY SAID, YOU
8 DON'T HAVE ANY FUNDS IN THIS COUNTY. THIS IS NOT A FEDERAL AND
9 STATE ISSUE. SO I'M ASKING YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, WELL SOMEONE WILL SPEAK TO YOU, AN
12 OMBUDSMAN OVER THERE.

13

14 **ETHEL LEE JOHNSON:** I KNOW BUT I'M GOING TO TELL YOU RIGHT NOW,
15 YOUR DEPUTIES, YOUR DEPUTIES DO NOT -- AND I'M SO SORRY,
16 BECAUSE WE DO LOVE YOU, BUT THOSE DEPUTIES DO NOT GET OUT
17 THERE LIKE I WAS APPOINTED IN 1993 BY MR. RALPH C. DILTZ. HE
18 PASSED AWAY. NOBODY TOLD ME, AND THIS IS PAT EASTMAN, THE
19 MILITARY. I'M A MILITARY VET AND I HELP MOST OFFICERS GET BACK
20 TO NORMAL AS REHABILITATION. SO CAN YOU HELP ME?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SOMEONE OVER THERE WILL SPEAK WITH YOU.

23

24 **ETHEL LEE JOHNSON:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH YES, OKAY YES. NOW IT'S MARTHA EVRY,
2 GARY KNOWLTON, AND KIM WAYMER. ARE YOU EACH GOING TO HAVE A
3 MINUTE?

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5 **MARTA EVRY:** THREE MINUTES.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, THE THREE OF YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES,
8 THE THREE OF YOU TOGETHER ARE GOING TO MAKE THREE MINUTES.

9

10 **MARTA EVRY:** THE FIVE OF US.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE FIVE OF YOU, BRENT HOERNER, DR. BRENT
13 HOERNER AND SALLY HAMPTON ARE THOSE THE FIVE PEOPLE THAT ARE
14 GOING TO? OKAY WE HAVE FOUR PEOPLE WE NEED ONE MORE PERSON UP
15 HERE. AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A 5-MINUTE PRESENTATION.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** AND IT'LL BE ONE PERSON WHO'LL BE TAKING MY PLACE AT
18 THE COMPUTER WHEN I SPEAK. HE'S GOING TO BE UP BUT HE'S NOT
19 SPEAKING.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT WE ONLY HAVE, WE HAVE FIVE PEOPLE UP
22 NOW. SO YOU ARE GIVING YOUR TIME TO THE PRESENTATION.

23



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1 **MARTA EVRY:** CAN I ASK YOU WHAT THE RULE, I'M SORRY. THIS IS MY
2 FIRST TIME HERE. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT EACH PERSON GOT
3 THREE MINUTES. I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE MINUTE, ONE MINUTE.

6

7 **MARTA EVRY:** I KNOW, BUT WHERE IN THE RULES DOES IT SAY THAT?
8 'CAUSE I SORT OF RESEARCHED THIS BEFORE I CAME HERE.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE'LL TAKE IT TO THE BOARD TO
11 DECIDE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR --

14

15 **JOHN QUIGLEY:** FOUR STRAIGHT DAYS -- [INAUDIBLE].

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT WELL THE BOARD WILL DECIDE HOW
18 MUCH TIME SHOULD WE ALLOCATE EACH PERSON. IS THERE A
19 SUGGESTION? IF THE BOARD --

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR I THINK YOUR RULING IS
22 APPROPRIATE AND I DON'T THINK THERE'S A NEED TO --

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE LISTENED FOR MANY TIMES FOR THIS,
25 AND SO DO YOU HAVE A MOTION FOR ONE MINUTE?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE, JUST TO VALIDATE --

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT IS THERE ANYONE WHO OBJECTS TO
5 THE ONE MINUTE FOR EACH PERSON. ALL RIGHT. THERE'S NO
6 OBJECTION. IT'S GOING TO BE ONE MINUTE PER PERSON. NOW, YOU
7 CAN GO TOGETHER AND PUT A 10-MINUTE PRESENTATION, IF 10 PEOPLE
8 TAKE THEIR NAMES AND WE CAN HAVE IT AND YOU CAN HAVE A 10-
9 MINUTE, BUT WE HAVE -- I TELL YOU, WE HAVE A CLOSED SESSION.
10 YOU'VE BEEN HERE ENOUGH TO KNOW WE HAVE SOME VERY SERIOUS
11 PROBLEMS WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH. THIS IS NOT ON OUR AGENDA AND I
12 KNOW IT'S SERIOUS TO YOU AND IT'S SERIOUS TO THE PEOPLE, BUT
13 WE ONLY HAVE AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH THOSE THINGS THAT ARE ON
14 OUR AGENDA, AND WE HAVE SOME VERY SERIOUS THINGS WE HAVE TO
15 ADDRESS TODAY. NOW, 10 PEOPLE, OR YOU HAVE FIVE PEOPLE WITH
16 FIVE MINUTES, AND IS IT VICKY CONNOR? ARE YOU THE OTHER PERSON
17 WHO IS GOING TO BE -- ALL RIGHT IT'S FIVE PEOPLE HERE WHO ARE
18 GOING TO GIVE THE PRESENTATION, WHO ARE UP HERE. YOU DON'T
19 WANT TO TAKE YOUR MINUTE -- LET SOMEONE ELSE HANDLE IT, COME
20 UP FORWARD AND GIVE THEIR MINUTE.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** I'M JUST -- I'M NOT SPEAKING. I'M JUST --.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** DO YOUR PRESENTATION.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** WHILE THEY SPEAK, I'M NOT SPEAKING.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** TIME'S GETTING AWAY, WE CAN BE GOING NOW.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT ALL I NEED IS, OKAY JUST GO ON.

6 I'LL TAKE VICKY HANNAH. HER NAME WILL BE INCLUDED AS THE FIFTH
7 PERSON.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THEY HAVE A PRESENTATION.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** START YOUR TIME.

12

13 **MARTA EVRY:** MAY I START?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. START.

16

17 **MARTA EVRY:** THIS IS MY FIRST TIME HERE. GOOD AFTERNOON,
18 HONORABLE BOARD AND MADAM CHAIR. MY NAME IS MARTA EVRY, AND I
19 LIVE IN VENICE, CALIFORNIA AND I'M HERE OBVIOUSLY TO SPEAK
20 ABOUT OLD GLORY. I COME BEFORE YOU TODAY NOT TO DEFEND THIS
21 ONE OAK TREE, BUT TO DEFEND WHAT THE TREE REPRESENTS. IT IS
22 THE PROVERBIAL CANARY IN THE COAL MINE AND IT'S BECOME A CALL
23 TO ARMS FOR COUNTLESS CITIZENS, NOT JUST THE FIFTH DISTRICT,
24 BUT OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND INDEED
25 THE WORLD. IN A TIME OF RECESSION, POSSIBLE WAR, AND



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1 PERSISTENT ANXIETY OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM, OLD GLORY HAS BECOME
2 A POWERFUL SYMBOL TO MANY PEOPLE. A SINGLE OAK TREE STANDING
3 IN THE WAY OF A FREEWAY TO NOWHERE FOR A DEVELOPMENT THAT DOES
4 NOT YET EXIST. THEY ARE MOVED BY A DESPERATE HOPE TO SAVE SOME
5 SMALL PART OF THEIR WORLD THAT IS FAST DISAPPEARING. HOW DO I
6 KNOW THIS? BECAUSE MORE THAN 6,000 SIGNATURES, MANY OF WHICH I
7 HAVE WITH ME TODAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN COLLECTED AND SUBMITTED
8 TO YOU. I ALSO HAVE WITH ME NUMEROUS PRESS ACCOUNTS REGARDING
9 OLD GLORY AND JOHN QUIGLEY'S VIGIL. I HAVE ARTICLES FROM THE
10 WASHINGTON POST, THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE
11 MONITOR AND PRESS REPORTS FROM GERMANY, THE U.K., ASIA, AND
12 EVEN NEW ZEALAND. WHAT BEGAN AS A PROVINCIAL PROBLEM OF LAND
13 USE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY HAS TURNED INTO A WORLDWIDE
14 REFERENDUM ON LOS ANGELES WIDELY PERCEIVED AS THE LAND OF
15 GRIDLOCK AND SUBURBAN SPRAWL, DESTROYER OF WORLDS. FROM THE
16 WASHINGTON POST, "PEOPLE CAN NO LONGER MOVE DOWN THE ROAD
17 BECAUSE LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS ALMOST COMPLETELY DEVELOPED.
18 VERY LITTLE RAW LAND IS AVAILABLE ANY MORE, IN A CITY THAT
19 DEFINES SUBURBAN SPRAWL THE OAK TREE'S FATE HAS TAKEN AN
20 OUTSIZED MEANING. THE LAST REDOUBT OF NATURE PROTECTED BY
21 COMMUTERS CIRCLING THEIR SPORTS WAGONS." FROM THE CHRISTIAN
22 SCIENCE MONITOR, "THE REMORSELESS DEVOURING OF LANDSCAPE IS
23 PUSHING INCREASING MULTITUDES FOR A MELTDOWN OF REBELLION OVER
24 QUALITY OF LIFE."

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED AND FOR THE NEXT
2 PERSON.

3

4 **MARTA EVRY:** I'M DOING THE WHOLE THING, I'M DOING THE WHOLE
5 THING. [MIXED VOICES].

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, OKAY THEN THE NEXT PERSON YOU'RE
8 GIVING UP YOUR TIME RIGHT? ALL RIGHT THE NEXT PERSON IS GIVING
9 UP THEIR TIME.

10

11 **MARTA EVRY:** THE NATIONAL DESK OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE
12 CONTROVERSY IS ABOUT MORE THAN THE FUTURE OF A TREE, IT HAS
13 BECOME SYMBOLIC OF A BATTLE TO CONTROL SUBURBAN SPRAWL WHICH
14 HAS ALREADY CONSUMED MUCH OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU NOW HAVE BEEN THREE MINUTES, ALL RIGHT.

17

18 **MARTA EVRY:** AND LASTLY FROM AN EDITORIAL FROM THE LANDSCAPE
19 ARCHITECTURAL NEWS, "GIVEN THE MEDIA ATTENTION ATTRACTED BY
20 THE EFFORT TO SAVE OLD GLORY I PREDICT SUCH VISUALS TO FOLLOW.
21 MAKE WHAT YOU WILL OF THEM. THEY ARE JUST THE TIP OF THE ICE
22 BERG." SO HONORABLE BOARD AND MADAM CHAIRMAN, I SIT BEFORE YOU
23 TODAY TO TELL YOU IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO DO SOMETHING. YOU, ALL
24 OF YOU, HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THIS PROCESS. OLD GLORY MUST BE
25 PUT ON YOUR AGENDA, DEBATED AND VOTED UPON. IT WILL BE HARD,



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1 IT WILL BE POLITICALLY DARING AND IT WILL MEAN OVERCOMING A
2 LOT OF PROCEDURAL INERTIA, BUT IT HAS TO BE DONE, BECAUSE IF
3 THIS TREE IS MOVED AND IF IT SHOULD DIE, IT WILL NOT DIE
4 UNNOTICED. PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL KNOW THIS TREE DIED
5 BECAUSE ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE IT CHOSE
6 TO DO NOTHING. IF YOU NEED ANY OTHER REASON LOOK NO FURTHER
7 THAN THE COUNTY MAP. LOOK AT THE NAMES YOU SEE THERE.
8 MULHOLLAND DRIVE, HANCOCK PARK, ABBOT KINNEY BOULEVARD,
9 GRIFFITH PARK, ALL PLACES HONORING PEOPLE WHOSE LEGACIES HAVE
10 OUTLIVED NEAR NAMES, THEN ASK YOURSELF WHAT LEGACY DO YOU WANT
11 TO LEAVE BEHIND FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND THE CHILDREN OF THE
12 CITIZENS YOU REPRESENT. DO YOU WANT YOUR NAMES IMMORTALIZED IN
13 A SUBURBAN SPRAWL, ENDLESS GRIDLOCKED FREEWAYS AND COUNTLESS
14 MINI MALLS OF THE FUTURE ANCHORED IN THE FOOLISH CHOICES OF
15 THE PAST OR DO YOU WANT TO BE REMEMBERED FOR HAVING THE
16 POLITICAL WILL AND CREATIVE VISION TO CHANGE THE VERY NATURE
17 OF HOW WE DECIDE TO USE WHAT RESOURCES WE HAVE LEFT TO US? I
18 SAY YOU ONLY NEED TO GO HOME TONIGHT AND LOOK INTO THE EYES OF
19 CHILDREN TO KNOW THAT ANSWER. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE] [YELLING]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHE TOOK YOUR TIME AND I'M SORRY ABOUT
24 THAT. WE CAN TAKE ONE OTHER PERSON, THERE SHE TOOK THREE
25 MINUTES.



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2 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. THAT'S ME.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL TAKE ONE OTHER PERSON BUT THE REST OF
5 YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [MIXED VOICES]

6

7 **SPEAKER:** I'M HERE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I KNOW BUT THERE ARE OTHER PEOPLE SITTING
10 HERE THAT WHO SHE TOOK THEIR TIME. ALL RIGHT, WELL JUST A
11 SECOND. WE HAVE SOME OTHER PEOPLE TO CALL UP, BECAUSE SHE TOOK
12 THREE MINUTES. I EXPLAINED IT'S A MINUTE FOR EACH PERSON. SHE
13 SAID SHE WAS GOING TO TALK AND YOU WERE GOING TO GIVE HER YOUR
14 TIME, SO WE'LL ASK YOU NOW TO MOVE AND SOMEONE ELSE WILL COME
15 UP AND TAKE YOUR PLACE.

16

17 **JOHN QUIGLEY:** BUT OTHER PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO GIVE UP THEIR
18 TIME FOR THIS CASE.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WELL, TELL ME WHO GAVE UP THEIR TIME
21 FOR THIS LADY.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** I'LL GIVE UP MY TIME.

24



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1 **GARY KNOWLTON:** I'LL USE ONE MINUTE. I'LL USE ONE MINUTE MA'AM,
2 CAN I USE ONE MINUTE? YES, GARY KNOWLTON, TREE SURGEON
3 ARBORIST, I.S.A. CERTIFIED ARBORIST.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SO YOU'RE GIVING UP YOUR TIME FOR HER?

6

7 **GARY KNOWLTON:** I'LL GIVE UP ONE MINUTE, IN OTHER WORDS I'LL
8 GIVE MY ONE-MINUTE PRESENTATION AND TRY TO REACH YOU WITH MY
9 COMMENTS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT JUST A SECOND, SOMEONE, SHE TOOK THREE
12 MINUTES, WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** OH, GIVE ME A BREAK.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OWEN? BOWMAN, OKAY WE'LL TAKE YOU OUT, AND
17 WHO ELSE, WE NEED ANOTHER PERSON? HENDERSON AND BOWMAN, WE'LL
18 TAKE YOU OUT. OKAY KERRY HENDERSON HAS GIVEN HER TIME TO HER,
19 AND WARREN BOWMAN. OKAY NOW THE OTHER PEOPLE, JUST GO RIGHT
20 AHEAD.

21

22 **KIM WAYMER:** OKAY. GREAT. MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
23 SUPERVISORS BOARD, MY NAME IS KIM WAYMER. I HAVE A MASTER'S
24 DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AS WELL AS I WAS A TECHNICAL
25 WRITER FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING FIRM. BUT BASICALLY THE



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1 BOTTOM LINE IS THIS. THE OFFICIAL COUNTY MASTER PLAN OF 1940
2 IS BASICALLY WHAT'S BEING USED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
3 AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S OFFICE TO DEFEND THE BASIS FOR
4 WIDENING PICO CANYON ROAD AND KILLING OLD GLORY. AND I'M JUST
5 GOING TO GO RIGHT TO THE BOTTOM LINE OF THIS. BASICALLY IF YOU
6 LOOK AT THE OFFICIAL COUNTY MASTER PLAN 1940, IT WILL SHOCK
7 YOU. ESPECIALLY IF YOU LOOK IN THE AREA OF THE SECOND
8 DISTRICT. BASICALLY IT SAYS, AND EXCUSE ME FOR SAYING THIS, I
9 HAVE A COPY OF IT, IT CALLS IT NIGGER SLOUGH, AND IT'S VERY
10 OFFENSIVE. THIS ALSO SHOWS YOU THAT THIS MASTER PLAN IS WAY
11 OUTDATED, SHOULD BE TOTALLY REVAMPED, THERE SHOULD BE A NEW
12 PLAN IMPLEMENTED, AND BASICALLY THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **KIM WAYMER:** I MEAN, I JUST WANT --

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WOULD BARRY BROLAN COME FORWARD AND
19 TAKE HER SEAT. THANK YOU THE NEXT PERSON PLEASE.

20

21 **DR. J. BRENT HOERNER:** OKAY I'LL GO AHEAD AND GO, I'M DR. J.
22 BRENT HOERNER AND I'VE BEEN A LICENSED STRUCTURAL ENGINEER IN
23 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR OVER 30 YEARS, AND I'M A PH.D.
24 GRADUATE FROM CAL TECH. WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN INFORMED THAT A
25 65-MILE-PER-HOUR EXPRESSWAY IS PLANNED FOR PICO CANYON ROAD,



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1 AND I'M ASKING THE QUESTION, IS IT GOOD PLANNING TO HAVE A 65-
2 MILE-PER-HOUR EXPRESSWAY BESIDE A PEDESTRIAN SIDEWALK, A HORSE
3 TRAIL, AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL? I DON'T THINK SO. THE CURRENT
4 TREND IN ROAD DESIGN HAS BEEN CALLED SMART GROWTH. GROWTH THAT
5 TRANSFERS THE BURDEN OF PROVIDING ROADS FROM TAXPAYERS TO
6 DEVELOPERS. IN REALITY, THESE COSTS ARE PASSED ON TO THE
7 HOMEOWNERS THROUGH THE TRICKLEDOWN EFFECT TO EVERY CITIZEN IN
8 THE COUNTY. I RECOMMEND THAT WE ADOPT GENIUS GROWTH, GROWTH
9 THAT DOES NOT WASTE MONEY ON SPECULATIVE EXPRESSWAYS THAT MAY
10 NEVER BE UTILIZED, BUT INSTEAD, ESTABLISHES A FUND, A
11 DEDICATED INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT SO THAT THESE FUNDS CAN BE
12 USED TO BUILD ROADS WHEN AND IF THEY ARE NEEDED, BUT NOT
13 BEFORE. THE ROAD SPEED THAT'S RECOMMENDED BY CAL TRANS IS ONLY
14 40 TO 50 MILES AN HOUR FOR THIS ROAD.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **DR. J. BRENT HOERNER:** AND I AM IN THE PROCESS OF DESIGNING
19 ROADS FOR THIS PROJECT AND I WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO AT --

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. AND WOULD
22 SARAH MCHATTON COME FORWARD.

23

24 **GARY KNOWLTON:** I'LL BE THE MASTER OF BREVITY ONE MINUTE, THANK
25 YOU MA'AM, HONORED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M GARY KNOWLTON,



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1 TREE SURGEON, ARBORIST, I.S.A. CERTIFIED TREE SURGEON, I'VE
2 BEEN TO THE SITE AND OBSERVED THE TREE AND MANY OF YOU MAY
3 HAVE NOT BEEN THERE. THE PICTURE DOES NOT DO THE TREE JUSTICE.
4 IT IS AN ENORMOUS, MAGNIFICENT HERITAGE TREE OF TREMENDOUS
5 SIZE AND SIGNIFICANCE. AND THE REAL PROBLEM HERE IS NOT THAT
6 AMERICAN ENGINEERS COULD NOT HAVE FIGURED A WAY TO MAKE A ROAD
7 AROUND THIS TREE. THAT COULD HAVE BEEN EASILY ACCOMPLISHED.
8 THE ROAD WAS AIMED AT THE TREE WITH THE FULL INTENTION OF
9 DESTROYING IT, AND I THINK THIS IS A CATASTROPHE IN PLANNING.
10 IF WE AS INTELLIGENT EDUCATED AMERICANS HAD PLANNED TO SAVE
11 THIS TREE, IT COULD HAVE BEEN THE CENTERPIECE OF THE
12 DEVELOPMENT, GREETING THE PEOPLE DRIVING IN THERE. IF YOU
13 COULD HAVE BUILT YOUR AD CAMPAIGN AROUND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF
14 THIS HERITAGE TREE, AND CALIFORNIA AND AMERICA IS OUR TYPE TO
15 THE WORLD. EVERYBODY LOOKS TO US FOR GUIDANCE AND LEADERSHIP
16 AND DIRECTION AND PRINCIPLE AND ETHIC AND CHARACTER. WE SHOULD
17 STAND HIGH ON THIS MOUNTAIN AND SAY, "LOOK, WE HAVE THE
18 WISDOM, THE FORESIGHT TO LEAVE THIS TREE IN PLACE SO THAT IT
19 CAN STAND FOR THE FUTURE AND THEY'LL REMEMBER US FOR OUR
20 CHARACTER AND FORESIGHT, THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD ROWEN BARRY
23 PLEASE COME FORWARD?

24



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1 **ROWEN BARRY:** MY NAME IS ROWEN BARRY, AS A 9 YEAR RESIDENT
2 HOMEOWNER AND ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT OF A 296 UNIT TOWN HOME
3 COMMUNITY IN STEVENSON RANCH I IMPLORE YOU ALL TO SERIUOSLY
4 RECONSIDER THE WIDENING OF PICO CANYON AS CURRENTLY PLANNED.
5 IT HAS COME TO LIGHT RECENTLY THAT THIS WILL BE BUILT TO SPECS
6 ABETTING HIGHWAY OF 65 MILE AN HOUR DESIGN SPEED. AS THE
7 HIGHWAY EXPERTS HAVE SAID, WHERE THE POTENTIAL IS THERE,
8 REGARDLESS OF THE POSTED LIMIT, THE SPEEDERS WILL FOLLOW.
9 SIERRA HIGHWAY AND SOLEDAD CANYON ARE TWO LOCAL EXAMPLES OF
10 FOUR LANERS WITH TEMPTINGLY DRIVABLE RIGHT CURVES WHOSE SPEED
11 LIMITS DON'T EXCEED 55 IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS YET WE HEAR OF
12 HIGH-SPEED FATALS ON THESE ROADS WITH ALL TOO METRONOMIC
13 REGULARITY. HOMEOWNERS IN SOUTHERN OAKS DEVELOPMENT ALONG PICO
14 CANYON ARE BECOMING VERY ANGRY OVER THIS BAIT AND SWITCH FROM
15 THE QUIET, SECLUDED ENCLAVE THEY WERE PROMISED IN THEIR
16 EXPENSIVE PURCHASE, NOT TO MENTION THE SAFETY AND
17 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT THEY ALSO FIND OF ENORMOUS CONCERN.
18 THOUGH I HAVE SAID THAT MY NEIGHBORS HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTINGLY
19 APATHETIC TO MUCH OF THIS, I AM ENCOURAGED OF LATE TO SEE MORE
20 AND MORE OF THEM BECOMING INCREASINGLY AND ALBEIT ANGRY AND
21 ANGRILY AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON AND OF THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS
22 OF RANCH DEVELOPMENT.
23



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD ANDREW MCHATTON
2 PLEASE COME FORWARD? MCHATTEN, OKAY, I'M SORRY. AND ALSO CAROL
3 REYES, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

4

5 **SALLY HAMPTON:** IT WAS -- SHOULD I JUST --

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GO.

8

9 **SALLY HAMPTON:** MY NAME IS SALLY HAMPTON AND I JUST WANT TO SAY
10 THAT WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO AND TO PRESENT TO YOU IS A CLEAR
11 INDICATION OF PUBLIC OUTRAGE AND THE FACT THAT PUBLIC WORKS
12 WILL NOT LOOK OBJECTIVELY AT THE SOLUTIONS THAT WE'VE PROPOSED
13 BECAUSE WE'RE THERE PROPOSING A FREEWAY THAT MAKES NO SENSE,
14 AND TO REMOVE OLD GLORY TO BULLDOZE FOR AN EXPRESSWAY WILL
15 OPEN FLOODGATES TO MASS SPRAWL THAT WILL MOST CERTAINLY IMPACT
16 IN THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THIS IS NOT AN ISSUE
17 THAT'S LIMITED TO THE FIFTH DISTRICT. THIS AFFECTS ALL OF US,
18 AND THAT IS WHY I ASK YOU TO EXERCISE YOUR AUTHORITY TO PUT
19 PICO CANYON ROAD AND OLD GLORY ON THE COUNTY AGENDA NOW, AND
20 NOT TO DO SO WOULD DEMONSTRATE A PERCEPTION OF INSENSITIVITY
21 TO THE CONCERNS OF ALL YOUR CONSTITUENTS, MANY OF THEM WHO HAD
22 TO LEAVE BUT THEY WERE HERE. WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF WHAT IS
23 GOING ON HERE AND IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT ONE TREE. THIS IS ABOUT
24 MUCH, MUCH MORE THAN JUST ONE TREE, AND I WANT TO KNOW WHAT
25 KIND OF LEGACY ARE WE GOING TO LEAVE BEHIND TO OUR CHILDREN IF



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1 THIS IS THE KIND OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING THAT WE'RE GOING TO
2 BASE EVERYTHING ON MAPS 63 YEARS OLD. 63 YEARS OLD.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD KIM
5 HINDISLEY PLEASE COME FORWARD. STATE YOUR NAME.

6

7 **ANDREW MCHATTEN:** ANDREW MCHATTEN. OKAY. 419 IS SHE MORE
8 BEAUTIFUL THAN ANY PERSON COULD BE IN RUIN BECAUSE SOMEONE
9 REFUSES TO LAY SOME EXTRA PAVEMENT AROUND THE TREE. WHEN I SEE
10 A TREE CUT DOWN OR DIE BECAUSE SOMEONE DID NOT TAKE CARE OF
11 IT, IT MAKES ME FEEL ANGRY. OLD GLORY SHOULD OWN THE LAND
12 WHERE THE ROOTS GROW. WHY SHOULD PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE
13 HER AWAY FROM THERE? PEOPLE SHOULD USE THEIR GIFTS AND
14 ABILITIES POSITIVELY TOWARDS NATURE. AS I GROW UP, I SEE LOTS
15 OF NATURE AROUND WHERE I LIVE BEING RUINED. I SEE HILLS BEING
16 LEVELED, I SEE HUNDREDS OF TREES BEING CUT DOWN, I SEE LOTS OF
17 DEAD WILD ANIMALS ON THE ROADS, LIKE DEAD COYOTES, BOB CATS,
18 RACCOONS, FOXES, BADGERS, BIRDS, AND OTHER ANIMALS. I DON'T
19 WANT TO SEE OLD GLORY BE DEAD, TOO. AS I GROW UP, I WILL BE
20 WATCHING AND HOPING YOU WILL HELP PRESERVE THE NATURE IN THIS
21 COUNTY. PLEASE SAVE OLD GLORY AND DON'T KILL HER.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU MADE A
24 VERY EXCELLENT STATEMENT. GOOD.

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1 **SPEAKER:** EXCUSE ME?

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MICHAEL BLUBACH
4 COME FORWARD. YES WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME? YES, THE
5 LADY IN THE MIDDLE.

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7 [SPEAKING SPANISH] (VOICE OF INTERPRETER) MY NAME IS CAROL
8 REYES. SUPERVISORS IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO BE HERE BEFORE YOU
9 TODAY. AS SECRETARY OF THE GROUP -- BILINGUAL GROUP OF
10 FLORENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, IN DISTRICT A, I'M PRESENT IN THE NAME
11 OF THE CHILDREN FROM DISTRICT A. AS THE CHILDREN AND THE
12 PARENTS, WE ARE AFFECTED BY THE PLANNED TRANSPLANT OF OLD
13 GLORY. IT'S A SHAME BECAUSE THIS TREE MEASURES MORE THAN 70
14 FEET AND IS MORE THAN 400 YEARS OLD. IN MY SCHOOLS, WE TEACH
15 OUR CHILDREN TO PLANT TREES, NOT TO TRANSPLANT THEM. AND I
16 PERSONALLY HAVE OBTAINED MORE THAN 300 SIGNATURES AND
17 ADDRESSES OF PEOPLE. INCLUDING THE SIGNATURE OF THE DIRECTOR
18 OF DISTRICT A AND MANY OF THE TEACHERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE
19 SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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21 >>**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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23 **SPEAKER:** [SPEAKING SPANISH]

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1 (VOICE OF INTERPRETER) I WISH THAT YES SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,
2 I ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE TREE IN OUR DISTRICT.

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4 >>SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE LADY OVER HERE,
5 AND THEN WE'D LIKE TO CALL UP MICHAEL BLUBACH AND TERRENCE
6 SMITH. YOU KNOW WHAT, I THINK THERE'S SOME PEOPLE HERE WHO SAY
7 THEY'RE HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME. YOU SHOULD, I HOPE THEY
8 EXPLAINED TO YOU, WE HAVE NO JURISDICTION TO CONSIDER THIS IN
9 ANY WAY UNTIL THE COURT DECIDES THAT WE CAN PUT IT ON OUR
10 AGENDA AND THAT IT HAS TO COME BACK. THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE WHO
11 HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS. WE HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER IT AT
12 SUCH TIME AS THE COURT RULES THAT IT SHOULD COME BACK TO US,
13 WE WILL CONSIDER IT. UNTIL THAT TIME, WE HAVE NO JURISDICTION
14 TO CONSIDER IT. THIS IS UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ISSUE IN
15 THE WORLD. YOU CAN TALK ABOUT IRAQ, YOU CAN TALK ABOUT
16 WHATEVER YOU WANT DURING THIS PUBLIC COMMENT TIME, BUT WE
17 DON'T REALLY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO EVEN RESPOND TO YOU UNDER
18 THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE CAN'T EVEN ANSWER YOU
19 OR ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU SUBMIT BECAUSE OF THE LAW OF THE
20 STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT SAYS CERTAIN RULES ARE IN THE BROWN
21 ACT OF THAT STATE AND OF OUR LAWS IN CALIFORNIA. SO FOR THOSE
22 WHO ARE HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE LISTEN TO YOU AND THAT'S
23 ALL WE CAN DO. WE CAN'T COMMENT, WE CAN'T CONSIDER ANYTHING
24 YOU SAY, BUT CERTAINLY YOU'RE FREE TO SAY IT, IT'S A FREE
25 COUNTRY, AND THAT'S PART OF YOUR ALLOWED TO DO THAT BY THE



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1 LAW, BUT WE JUST CAN'T CONSIDER ANYTHING YOU SAY. YES? OH THE
2 LADY IN THE GREEN.

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4 **SARAH MACLHATTEN:** MY NAME IS SARAH MACLHATTEN, I'M A RESIDENT
5 OF CAS STAKE. MR. ANTONOVICH, THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO KEEP OLD
6 GLORY ALIVE WHERE SHE STANDS ARE THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE AND
7 RESPECT THE NATURAL LAND OF CALIFORNIA. THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO
8 MOVE AND KILL OLD GLORY ARE THE PEOPLE WHO WILL MAKE MILLIONS
9 OF DOLLARS FROM THE DEVELOPMENT. THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE WORKED
10 FOR OLD GLORY, THE PROTESTERS, LAWYERS, SUPPORTERS, AND TREE
11 SITTERS WHO WORK TO SAVE HER ARE NOT MAKING ANY MONEY FROM
12 DOING IT. THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING TO KILL HER ARE ON
13 SALARIES PAID BY DEVELOPERS, THE BIG CORPORATIONS, AND THE
14 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE DEVELOPER SAYS THEY CAN'T MAKE THE
15 ROAD AROUND OLD GLORY BECAUSE THE COUNTY SAYS THEY CANNOT. THE
16 COUNTY, THAT WOULD BE YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH, SAYS THEY CANNOT
17 MAKE THE ROAD AROUND THE TREE BECAUSE THE DEVELOPER SAYS THEY
18 CANNOT. WHO REALLY WANTS TO MOVE AND KILL HER? WHO REALLY
19 WANTS WHO -- WHO IS FORCING WHO TO MOVE OLD GLORY? THE TWO-
20 LANE ROAD AS IT STANDS IS NOW LEGAL FOR ALL APPROVED
21 DEVELOPMENT. SIR, LEAVE THE ROAD AS IT IS OR PUT THE ROAD
22 AROUND THE TREE. NEWHALL RANCH SAYS THEY DON'T WANT OR NEED
23 YOUR BIGGER ROAD. SO WHAT IS THIS ROAD EXPANSION REALLY ALL
24 ABOUT? THIS MASTER PLAN IS FROM 1940.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MICHAEL BLUBACH, WILL
2 YOU TAKE HER SEAT AND YES SIR? GO RIGHT AHEAD.

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4 **MICHAEL BLUBACH:** HI, MICHAEL BLUBACH, I'M THE EXECUTIVE
5 DIRECTOR OF THE MALIBU FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.
6 WE'VE TALKED TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF KIDS UP AND DOWN THE
7 STATE AND THERE ARE MANY, MANY DAVIDS LIKE YOU JUST SAW HERE
8 OR THAT I'M SPEAKING TO THAT ARE COMING BACK AND RESPONDING,
9 BEING MOTIVATED BY THIS ISSUE ABOUT SAVING THE TREES. THEY'RE
10 YOUR FUTURE VOTERS, THEIR PARENTS ARE YOUR VOTERS, THEY CARE
11 ABOUT THIS ISSUE. I IMPORE YOU AND REQUEST YOU CONSIDER DOING
12 YOUR BEST TO SAVE THE TREE, NOT MOVE THE TREE.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YES, SIR.

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16 **KIM KINDERSLY:** MY NAME IS KIM KINDERSLY. I'M FROM LONDON AND I
17 WORK WITH FUTURE FORESTS, AND WE PRESERVE TREES AND --

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** UP TO THE MICROPHONE, THAT'S THE MICROPHONE.

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21 **KIM KINDERSLY:** THAT'S THE MICROPHONE, WE PRESERVE TREES ALL
22 OVER THE WORLD, AND I'M HERE TODAY TO PUT THE GLOBAL
23 PERSPECTIVE ON THIS, WHICH IS THAT IF YOU CUT DOWN AND KILL
24 THIS TREE, YOU WILL MAKE A MARTYR OF THIS TREE. THERE ARE HUGE
25 NUMBERS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD THAT ARE LOOKING AT AMERICA



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1 AT THE MOMENT AS THIS COUNTRY THAT DOES NOT CARE ABOUT THE
2 SACREDNESS OF LIFE OR ABOUT PEOPLE, AND IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT
3 THAT YOU USE YOUR POWER TO SAVE THIS TREE BECAUSE IT WILL BE A
4 MASSIVE BACKLASH. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

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6 **KIM KINDERSLY:** AND VERY, VERY QUICKLY, I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM
7 ONE OF THE CAST MEMBERS OF "LORD OF THE RINGS", A VERY POPULAR
8 FILM ALL ABOUT NATURE FIGHTING AGAINST THE INDUSTRIAL MILITARY
9 COMPLEX AND THEY HAVE HUGE NUMBERS OF FANS AND THEY WILL GET
10 ENGAGED IN THIS FIGHT, SO PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND SHOW
11 THAT AMERICA IS NOT WHAT THIS ADMINISTRATION IS MAKING AMERICA
12 OUT TO BE. THANK YOU. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD WE ASK TERRENCE SMITH AND GAIL
15 MATTHAS TO COME FORWARD, YES SIR?

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17 **TERRENCE SMITH:** I'M TERRENCE SMITH FROM SHERMAN OAKS, I WAS AN
18 ACTOR ON HOME IMPROVEMENT AND NOW HAVE MY OWN SHOW DEALING
19 WITH MATTERS LIKE THIS. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO HAVE ALL OF
20 YOU LOOK YOURSELVES STRAIGHT IN THE EYE AND ASK YOURSELF, IS
21 THIS A GOOD THING, IS THIS RIGHT, AND IF YOUR ANSWER IS "YES,
22 I WOULD LIKE TO CUT DOWN A 400-YEAR-OLD TREE ON A WHIM", THEN
23 ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH OF THIS COUNTRY AND THE YOUTH OF THIS
24 WHOLE WORLD, I ASK YOU TO PLEASE STEP DOWN AND ALLOW THOSE OF
25 US THAT ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THESE CONSEQUENCES TO



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1 MAKE THESE DECISIONS, AND TO REMEMBER THAT WHEN YOU'RE OUT OF
2 THIS OFFICE AND MY GENERATION IS MAKING THESE DECISIONS, WE
3 WILL REMEMBER.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GAIL MATTHAS AND
6 BARBARA BENTREE. ALL RIGHT, YES. COULD WE HAVE -- IS THIS
7 BARBARA BENTREE? ALL RIGHT. AND JIM CARMICHAEL. PLEASE COME
8 FORWARD. AND MARY ETI. JIM STEWART? HENRY VAN PELT.

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10 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M THRILLED TO BE HERE AS A
11 REPRESENTATIVE OF 55 CHILDREN IN THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY
12 THAT ARE IN THE CONSTITUENCY OF MR. YAROSLAVSKY. AND I'D LIKE
13 TO EXPLAIN THAT OUR 55 CHILDREN I COME AS AN EMISSARY FOR OUR
14 CAST OF 55 KIDS WHO ARE ALL BEHIND THE SAVING OF THIS
15 BEAUTIFUL TREE. THE NAME OF OUR PLAY IS "THE MEDICINE TREE."
16 IT'S ABSOLUTELY SYNCHRONISTIC THAT WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF
17 WRITING THIS, MY PARTNER AND I WHO GAVE ME THE MINUTE AND THAT
18 WE CAME UPON THIS BEAUTIFUL IDEA TO WRITE THIS PLAY AND AT THE
19 SAME TIME THE OLD GLORY SITUATION CAME UP AND WE ARE GREATLY
20 BEHIND THE PRESERVATION OF THIS TREE AND THAT THE PRESENT
21 MUSICAL THAT WE HAVE GOING IN LOS ANGELES ILLUMINATES THE
22 PRESERVATION OF ALL OLD GROWTH TREES. THE VERY OVERALL MESSAGE
23 IS ABOUT OUR SOCIETY'S DISCONNECT FROM OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO
24 PROTECT AND PRESERVE OLD TREES. THE CONCLUSION OF OUR MUSICAL
25 IS THAT ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS AND DEVELOPERS



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1 NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARDS A WONDERFUL SOLUTION WHICH MAY
2 BE LONGER IN THE LONG RUN AND THE PROCESS MAY TAKE LONGER, BUT
3 ULTIMATELY ONE THAT IS BEST FOR THE PLANET. I ENCOURAGE THE
4 COUNCIL AND THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLES TO -- AND I REQUEST TO BE
5 PLACED ON THE AGENDA SO THESE 55 CHILDREN COULD COME FORWARD
6 AND SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. THE MEDICINE TREE WILL LIVE ON.
7 THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES THE
10 NAMES THAT I HAVE CALLED -- ARE THERE PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES I'VE
11 CALLED WHO HAVEN'T COME UP, PLEASE COME UP, IF WE'VE CALLED
12 YOUR NAME. IF WE'VE CALLED YOUR NAME, PLEASE COME UP. YES.

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14 **TIM CARMICHAEL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR BURKE. MY NAME'S
15 TIM CARMICHAEL, I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COALITION
16 FOR CLEAN AIR. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE LEADERS OF THE
17 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I KNOW MY
18 COLLEAGUES FROM N.R.D.C., HEAL THE BAY ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE
19 HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE. WE ARE ASKING SIMPLY THAT YOU
20 RECONSIDER THIS AND THAT YOU DO PUT THIS ON YOUR AGENDA FOR
21 HEARING TO HEAR A MORE FORMAL REPORT FROM YOUR STAFF AS WELL
22 AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY RATHER THAN A COMPRESSED PUBLIC
23 HEARING. THIS TREE, IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN TO THE SITE, EVERYONE
24 THAT'S BEEN THERE RECOGNIZES THIS TREE DOES NOT NEED TO BE CUT
25 DOWN. HOW MANY 400-YEAR-OLD TREES CAN YOU IDENTIFY IN THIS



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1 COUNTY? IN ANY PART OF THE COUNTY? THERE JUST AREN'T MANY OF
2 THEM, AND IF WE HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE, YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO
3 CHANGE THIS COURSE, AND THAT'S WHAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL
4 COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS ASKING YOU TO DO. DON'T
5 JUST LET THE BUREAUCRACY STOP YOU FROM DOING WHAT'S RIGHT.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MARY ETI. IS THAT -- ALL RIGHT. JIM
8 STEWART?

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10 **JIM STEWART:** JIM STEWART, YES.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU HEIDI VAN PELT?

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14 **VICKI HANNA:** HANNA, VICKI HANNA. YOU CALLED ME EARLIER.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY. OKAY WHY DON'T YOU GO RIGHT
17 AHEAD AND THEN I'LL HAVE MR. STEWART SPEAK.

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19 **VICKI HANNA:** OKAY IT'S VICKY HANNA, I AM A CO- DIRECTOR OF THE
20 JUST WITHIN REACH FOUNDATION WHICH IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL
21 EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOUNDED BY ACTOR AND MUSICIAN KEVIN
22 RICHARDSON. YOU PROBABLY KNOW HIM BEST AS ONE OF THE BACK
23 STREET BOYS. AND WHAT WE DO IS WE EDUCATE KIDS AND THEIR
24 FAMILIES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING BALANCE IN THIS
25 WORLD, AND KIDS OF ALL PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET CAN SEE THE NEED



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1 TO HAVE COMPROMISE AND TO WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE SUCH
2 BALANCE. FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, THIS ISSUE IS CLEARLY AN ISSUE
3 OF ECONOMICS AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION, BUT TO THE
4 KIDS, THE ENVIRONMENT AND THEIR SAFETY AND SECURITY IN AN
5 EVER-CHANGING WORLD IS PARAMOUNT. THE CHILDREN IN THE AREA AND
6 THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS WANT TO KEEP THE
7 TREE FOR THE SIMPLEST OF REASONS: BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING
8 TO DO. I WOULD ASK YOU ALL TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT YOU CAN DO
9 AND TO SIMPLIFY YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE, PUT IT ON THE
10 AGENDA, SIMPLIFY IT AND DO IT BECAUSE IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO
11 DO. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF KIDS THAT SHOWED SUPPORT FOR MR.
12 QUIGLEY THE NIGHT THAT HE CAME DOWN FROM THE TREE, AND I SPOKE
13 TO A FEW OF THEM. A NINE-YEAR-OLD BOY, JAKE, ASSURED ME THERE
14 MUST BE WAY FOR ADULTS TO COME TO A GOOD SOLUTION FOR THIS
15 DISAGREEMENT, AND HIS BROTHER, JOSH, A 12 YEAR OLD SAID IT'S
16 PLAIN OUT NOT FAIR, THERE ARE PLENTY OF WAYS AROUND THIS
17 PROBLEM, AND INSTEAD OF MAKING EVERYONE UPSET, WE SHOULD ALL
18 WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE IT WORK OUT FOR EVERYONE.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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22 **VICKI HANNA:** QUITE SIMPLY, THE CHILDREN ARE LISTENING YET.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. STEWART, AND THEN -- PLEASE GO AHEAD.



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1 **JIM STEWART:** JIM STEWART REPRESENTING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
2 COUNCIL ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AND EARTH DAY LOS
3 ANGELES AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
4 ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY AND I CAN PRESENT COPIES OF THE
5 SIGNATURES AND ALL TO YOU THAT ARE SAYING, DON'T MOVE THIS
6 TREE. IN FACT, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, I WANT TO SAY THAT THE
7 FACT OF THIS TREE IN BEING DISCUSSED BEFORE YOU IS LIKE AN
8 EMBARRASSMENT. IT'S AN INTERNATIONAL EMBARRASSMENT TO THE
9 FAILURE OF THE LEADERSHIP OF I GUESS MR. ANTONOVICH AND THAT
10 ALL IT TAKES IS A LITTLE BIT OF PRESSURE FROM THE REST OF THE
11 SUPERVISORS AND I THINK THAT THIS WOULDN'T EVEN NEED TO COME
12 BEFORE THE BOARD, THAT YOU GUYS COULD WORK WITH THE COUNTY
13 BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THEY COULD MIRACULOUSLY COME UP WITH
14 A SOLUTION TO THIS. THIS IS NOT A BIG DEAL. DO IT.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR
17 NAME, PLEASE?

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19 **HEIDI VAN PELT:** HEIDI VAN PELT.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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23 **HEIDI VAN PELT:** HI I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY -- WELL, I'M GOING
24 TO DO FINISH VICKI'S SPEECH. I ENCOURAGE THE SUPERVISORS AND
25 THE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THESE



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1 KIDS AND ALL KIDS WHO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT OF THEIR
2 ENVIRONMENT AND WORK TO ADOPT A ROAD PLAN THAT SUPPORTS THE
3 NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY WHILE ALSO PROTECTING OUR NATURAL
4 ASSETS SUCH AS OLD GLORY AND THE OTHER GROVES OF TREES IN THE
5 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT. MODIFY THE ROAD PLAN WITH REDUCED SPEED
6 AND CAPACITY SPECIFICATIONS SO THAT THE ALTERNATIVE ROAD
7 DESIGNS THAT SAVE OLD GLORY WILL MEET COUNTY STANDARDS AND
8 PRESERVE OUR NATURAL HERITAGE. THAT'S FROM VICKI HANNA. AND I
9 WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY, PLEASE SAVE OUR WISDOM. PLEASE DON'T
10 KILL IT BECAUSE IT'S OLD BECAUSE OLD IS NOT BAD.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HAVE NO
13 OTHER NAMES OF OTHER PEOPLE TO COME BEFORE US. IF THERE'S
14 ANYONE ELSE WHOSE NAME I CALLED THAT HAS NOT SPOKEN, YOU CAN
15 LET ME KNOW. IF NOT, AT THIS POINT, WE WILL NOW ADJOURN TO
16 CLOSED SESSION.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
19 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM CS-
21 1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
22 LITIGATION, ITEMS CS-2 AND CS-3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL
23 COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE
24 CASE, AND ITEM CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING



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1 EXISTING LITIGATION AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA AND
2 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE ARE NOW ADJOURNED TO LUNCH.

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1 NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

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5 For your information, there is no reportable action as a

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7 result of today's closed session.